

Parrot Possee

Lifetime Pepper

Harrison's Bird Foods
Testimonial



I mentioned the 8-macaw vet trip a while back, and was waiting for all the bloodwork before commenting on it. This trip included some of my "Lifers" (birds who came here as chicks or under a year old and are now in their 30s) and then a couple Phoenix Landing macaws.

My Avian Vet, Rhoda Stevenson, has been ABVP-boarded since 1993, and she does a serious physical. I've had friends make the trip with me who say "Wow, I thought MY vet was thorough but..." and she talks her way through them, some for herself, some for the tech, some for the owner. She knows what she's looking at, and she knows what she's looking for.

I guess watching Rhoda work up my "Lifers" was as close as I'll ever be to a parent-teacher conference, but again and again, she was saying, "Beautiful bird. This bird is perfect. Wonderful example of what a Greenwing Macaw should look like. All their hearts still sound good and now we also have the bloodwork confirming that all appear well as these birds roll into and through their 30s."

Over the years, I've worked with a lot of birds who are the ages mine are now, or younger, who suffered from the damage, often irreversible, from poor diet. Six birds here are on daily heart medications.

BUT, I give a lot of credit for my "Lifer" crew "passing their tests with flying colors" (no puns intended) under the highly experienced and critical eye of my vet, who doesn't hand out "high grades" randomly, to their long term diet. Harrison's Lifetime Pepper, a variety of fresh vegetables, and a bit of nutritious fruits daily, along with nuts. I'm not sure exactly when we made the switch, but I'm pretty sure everyone was on Harrison's by the time we moved into this house, which was 24 years ago.



My take is that Harrison's, while not inexpensive, is a great investment in their overall health, as is regular vetting with a top notch Avian vet. The beat up old birds who land here have all moved onto this diet, and while things like heart issues and arthritis cannot be reversed, their progression can be slowed, livers can rebound, and well..again...I want to give them every chance for the best lives possible, and that is where it starts. Great diet, great vet care.

So it was a happy coincidence that I got their bloodwork back last night (the AAV slowed things down but I knew if there had been any cause for concern, I'd have heard about it) and then also heard from Harrison's that they were having a SALE! I hope as many of you as possible jumped on board.