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AVIAN DIAGNOSTIC LIST/NEW EXAM

Owner's Name _____ Pet's Name _____

This document lists tests that can be done to help us determine your bird's health status. *Birds are extremely adept at concealing signs of illness.* This protective mechanism has been developed to help them avoid attacks by other birds during times of illness. Unfortunately, *this mechanism makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to determine a bird's health status on physical exam alone.* Other tests are necessary to detect early asymptomatic disease processes that may be present. Below is a brief explanation of each.

Gram Stain of the bird's droppings will provide an assessment of the bacterial population. The presence of unhealthy bacteria and/or yeast can be detected by this method.

Fecal Direct examinations search for motile bacteria and protozoan infestation.

Fecal floatation checks for intestinal parasites.

Chlamydia Elisa tests for the Chlamydia organism in feces. This is the organism that causes psittacosis, a disease that can be passed from birds to humans.

CBC/Profile blood work analyzing white and red blood cells, liver, kidneys, glucose & calcium levels. Used for assessing organ function, signs of infection, nutritional status, and immune system function. We recommend this be performed on a regular basis, whether the bird is ill or not.

X-RAY (Whole body) looks for proper bone formation, clear lungs & air sacs, organ size & shape, and digestive tract parameters. Healed fractures and ingested metals can also be found. This is also recommended on a regular basis to help monitor a bird's health status. Usually, an x-ray will require sedation.

Culture and Sensitivity identifies specific type of bacteria and potential antibiotics that will kill the bacteria. Used for feces, upper respiratory tract, crop, or infected lesions.

PBFD Viral DNA Probe is a blood test to help detect the Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease virus. Strongly recommended for Cockatoo's, African greys, and Eclectus. This virus causes immunosuppression, feather loss, beak deformities, and ultimately death.

Polyoma Viral DNA Probe is a rectal swab test to help detect the polyoma virus. This virus can be fatal in young birds, and the test is recommended for any birds to be used for breeding purposes.

Please review the following available services, and check off any that you wish for us to perform.

- Basic Bird Visit, will include the Exotic Physical Exam, the fecal Gram Stain, Fecal Direct exam, and Fecal Floatation.
 Chlamydia ELISA or titer Polyoma DNA Probe Blood DNA Sexing Culture and Sensitivity
 Exotic CBC/Profile PBFD DNA Probe AVID Microchip Ultra detail XRAY
(above requires sedation)

I have reviewed the provided diagnostic list. I understand and authorize the indicated services.

I the undersigned, certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent for the owner of the pet described above and accept full financial responsibility. Professional fees are due at time of patient release.

Signature of Owner or Agent _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____

Witness to above Signature _____ **Date** _____