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Mother's Day

SPECIAL
ISSUE

HONORING
EXTRA SPECIAL
BIRD MOMS
IN OUR
COMMUNITY

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*You put your birds happiness above your own
Change your lifestyle for their safety
Eat forbidden foods in the closet
Sacrifice clean for engaged but happy
You go without sleep when there's a concern
Nearly go bankrupt when they're sick
Give up on having nice things
Freedom = destruction, legit.

Extra love this weekend
to all FeatherWhipped Moms*

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MOMS WHO ARE EXTRA

going above & beyond



Shelley

@4loveofparrots

Despite herself, Shelley can't say no to helping a bird in need. Aside from her own flock, Shelley has rescued, fosters, rehabilitated & rehomed dozens of birds. Never one to back down from a fight, Shelly refuses to adopt out birds to people who give off the slightest red light; she also calls out dangerous & idiotic bird owners online for the sake of protecting the innocent... the parrots.

Michele

@my_flying_fids

A full-time job in health care & a mom to four humans. That would be the limit to what most of us could handle. No, no.... Michele is also a home-based rescue. Eight rescues, including high maintenance 'too's. How this incredible mom gets out of bed every day, I have no idea...



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ALI'S SON, KYLE

Ali

@Alisbirdhouse

Dealing with chronic pain on the daily doesn't stop her from being an extra mom. Daily, Ali deals with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome & cares for her son who has multiple health challenges & disabilities. Then comes the fids – six of her own forever parrots & many foster. Ali has taken in, rehabilitated & rehomed dozens of special parrots over the years. Then this special mom volunteers at a parrot store, caring for the birds. Wow!

Sharon & Candace

@birdslivesmatter2

Sisters Sharon & Candace run the Magnolia Exotic Bird Sanctuary. These amazing bird moms tirelessly rescue & care for over 100 parrots at any given time. This non-profit also provide emergency shelter for disaster victim birds. Though being surrounded by parrots & being able to rescue sounds like a dream to me, I get tired just thinking about the work Sharon & Candace put in each day!



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Kim

@tnavianrescue

Kim is the founder & Executive Director of Exotic Avian Sanctuary of Tennessee. A lifelong passion for helping rescue animals eventually lead Kim to creating this non-profit rescue organization. Sharing your bird-mom heart with hundreds of parrots in need is beautiful.

Kristina & Mom

@only1brattybird

This is a fun & unique tale. Kristina's father, who lived in a different home, took in unwanted parrots. When his health failed, he asked Kristina & her mom to take the birds in – though they had no parrot experience. Kristina initially tried to rehome, but they would have needed rehabilitation that Kristina was not equipped for. So here's Kristina & her mom, stuck with many large parrots (macaws & cockatoos!). Then Kristina developed debilitating ALS, so she is no longer able to physically care for the birds. Up steps her amazing mom. Now caring for an adult daughter, her mom chose to keep the large birds because her daughter grew to love them. Bound to her chair, Kristina focuses on researching how to provide the best nutrition, stimulation & care for her unexpected rescue flock. Her mom & a loving friend help with the physical care of the flock. Beautiful!



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Melanie
@can_of_nutella

Melanie uses her professional animal trainer & behaviorist knowhow to take on challenging rescue parrots. Traveling cross country to adopt a special needs bird doesn't faze this special bird mom. Over the years Mel had fostered - rehomed a plethora of birds & has taken on the emotionally challenging gift of adopting hospice birds. Lately she focuses on her own flock of 9 (7 are adopted special needs) & working directly with public rescues. That's a heck of an accomplishment for a self-funded 25 yr old bird mom!

April
@parrotplayhouse

April works hard to be an advocate for parrots & will go to every length to save her fids. While caring for her own special, adopted flock, April works with shelters and rescues to help birds in need. At festivals & adoption events you can find April educating the public about proper parrot care & the parrot crises. Bold & strong, April is a special bird mom.



MOMS WHO ARE EXTRA

the original special bird mom



Sally Blanchard

1944 - 2022

Sally Blanchard was a pioneering expert in parrot behavior & proper nutrition.

When Sally brought home her first parrot, she realized that there wasn't much information on care. Avian veterinarians weren't a thing yet, there were no experts. This was a time when parrots were still wild caught, shoved into tiny round cages & fed seed.

Being an educator herself, Sally dove deep into research. She joined scientists in expeditions around the world to watch parrot behavior & diet in the wild. She spoke to every parrot owner she could find. Through the years, Sally took college level courses in animal behavior, anatomy, biology, field ecology, zoology, sociology, ornithology, psychology & nutrition.

Combining that education with what was learned watching wild parrots & interaction, Sally created the first applicable parrot behavior & training methodology.

Before there were parrot rescues, Sally would take in rehabilitate & rehome abandoned & neglected parrots. Sally was known as THE expert to call if your parrot was screaming & biting. She was the expert pet shops called when "viscous" wild caught parrots needed to be tamed (in under one hour!).

Before pellets, chop & sprouting, Sally was screaming from the mountaintops to feed parrots fresh food. She would even get into fights with veterinarians who believed that a seed diet was perfectly fine, for the sake of helping parrots thrive.

While being a mom to many adopted rescues, Sally was giving lectures on parrot behavior & training all over the world. She was a regular writer on parrot psychology for Bird Talk Magazine, Birds USA, Parrot World, Psittacene, Pet Age... and more. Sally authored numerous books to help educate others on proper parrot care & nutrition; as well as publishing her own Pet Bird Repost (Companion Parrots Quarterly) for 20 years.

So much of what we know today about parrot psychology, welfare, training & nutrition comes from Sally's pioneering information; unfortunately she is never credited. It's a shame that the younger generation & those newer to birds in the social media age didn't know her or what she did for our community & our precious companion parrots.

RIP, Sally. I miss you, my friend.

HAPPY BIRB-MOM'S DAY



Love Lisa, Lilly, Oatie & the Muppets
of FeatherWhipped