

What's New?

"Tips to Reduce Feather Picking" Brochures

Feather picking is one of the most complex and frustrating problems faced by a private practitioner who sees birds as patients, primarily because the causes can be hard to determine. HBD International has developed a new brochure, "Tips to Reduce Feather Picking," to support the clinician in exploring possible reasons why pet birds pick their own feathers and to offer some promising solutions for relieving the clinical signs. Ask for your free copies next time you place an order.



The Road to Success

"Our clinic's own 3-year-old goffin's cockatoo (*Cacatua goffiniana*) had been self-mutilating its hock down to the ligaments and tendons as well as a small area of the breast. In addition, the bird was plucking feathers on its chest, ventrum of both wings, dorsal back and one of its legs. We had done all the diagnostic testing, empirical treatment and psychological changes without result. This was a very frustrated, miserable bird. Dr. Harrison suggested that we try **AVIX Bird Rain**[®], **AVIX Booster**[®] and **HEALx Soother Plus**[®]. We were amazed. Within one week the skin began to quickly epithelialize, and we noticed the bird drastically reduced its plucking/pruritus. The bird is now sporting numerous new feathers, the wounds are completely healed and its disposition has drastically changed. It is a more vocal, happy, active bird."

Dr. Lisa Williams, Fleur Pet Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa

HELPING THE PLANET

HBD International Donates to Hurricane Ike Victims

Hurricane Ike, which devastated much of Galveston, Texas in September, left hundreds of animals homeless and in need of veterinary care. HBD International was pleased to respond to a request by the Houston area ASPCA for a donation of HEALx[®] dietary supplements and HEALx[®] topical wound therapy to help in these relief efforts.

HBD International Donates AVIX Products to Peru

"Thank you again for your generous donation of products that I was able to give to Dr. Jorge Rivero Salinas, an avian veterinarian in Lima, Peru. He has limited resources and many of his patients come in very ill from lack of proper nutrition after being kept in less-than-ideal conditions. This donation will allow him to help these birds greatly."

*Carol Gamble, DVM,
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