

A Visit to the Vet: Birds

Lesson Title: Pets: Oh Behave

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Use the following Animal Hospital resource to learn more about bird behavior.

Ask the Behaviorist: Birds

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/vets/ask.html>



Below is a list of questions regarding bird behaviors. The date signifies when the question was asked and is where the question and response can be found on the website. After you read the animal behaviorists' advice, write down your ideas about what is causing the behavior and how it might be changed. Tell whether the behavior is innate, learned, or perhaps both.

Feb. 6 – Rainbow is biting his owner. Why?	
Feb. 9 – Ike is a scared parakeet. What can be done?	
Feb. 12 – This greenwing macaw is screaming for attention. Any advice?	
Feb. 12 – A blue and gold macaw is feather picking and laying eggs. What's wrong?	

Describe a bird behavior with which you're familiar.

Bird Behavior:	Do you think this behavior is particular to birds or do other animals do it as well?
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Now describe an innate human behavior.

Human Behavior:	Describe whether this behavior is unique to the human species.
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