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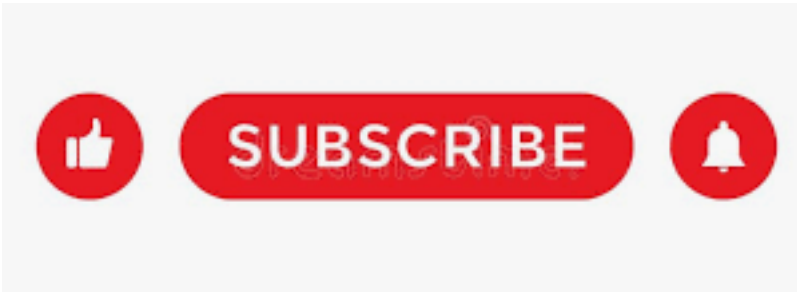
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Dear Bird Friends,

Welcome to the September edition.

I have some exciting news to share this month. A new biodiversity project is already in the pipeline — I am planning to create a floating wetland on the farm.

The aim is to create additional habitat for wildlife, increase biodiversity and help naturally improve the quality of the water. It is an exciting project, but creating something like this requires materials and equipment, including trellis/netting, coir cloth, flotation foam noodles and other hardware.

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The floating wetland is just one of the biodiversity projects I would like to develop.

Projects like this take time, effort and materials, but they can make a real difference by creating additional habitat and encouraging more wildlife.

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Handfeeding Turacos
Part 1

By: Kateri J. Davis



White Chick Turaco chick, about 13 days old. Banded and weaning. Note, his brooder in the background.

Introduction

I have been raising turacos for over thirty years and have had many occasions to hatch eggs and handfeed chicks. I always prefer to let the parents raise their own chicks. There are times though when I have to make the decision to pull the eggs or chicks because of severe weather issues, parents abandoning the nest, or the need to ensure a blood-line. If left alone and the chick would die, I have to handraise.

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Bird Behaviour
Fear in birds

By: Kashmir Csaky



Recently there was a post showing two birds that appear very still and unhappy in the shower. The original poster removed the videos from FB and so the entire discussion disappeared with it. She removed the post because she felt her videos were cute and that she was being accused of being abusive. I get that and can understand her hurt feelings. However, there are certain aspects of training and body language we should all know.

When animals are afraid they do not always freakout. They will try to remain still, quiet and make themselves smaller. This is universal. When I was in Brazil we stopped along a road to look at a heron in a stream near the road.

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By Dr. med. vet. Friedrich Janeczek,
Veterinary practice limited to Parrots,
Graefelfing, Germany

How do you recognize well-fed young Hyacinth macaws?

It is well known that the quality and composition of the diet for young birds affect the condition of their feathers, skin and beak. This can be seen particularly well in young hyacinth macaws. Poorly and unbalanced nourished young Hyacinth macaws have blackish, dull plumage and pale, sometimes almost whitish skin around the eyes and the lower beak.

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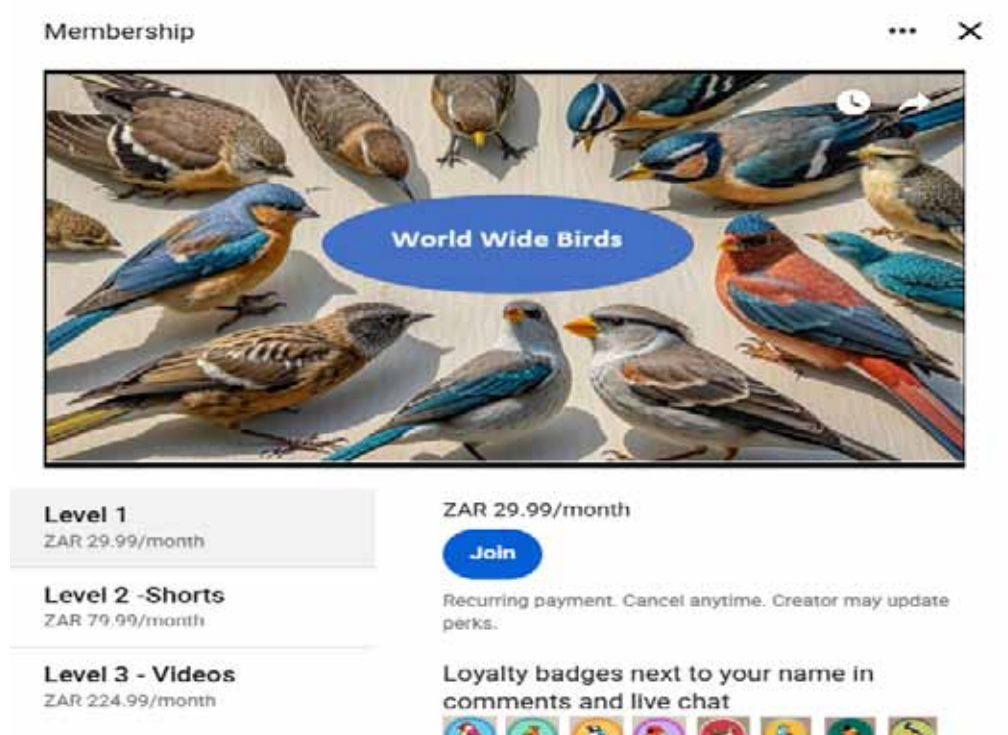
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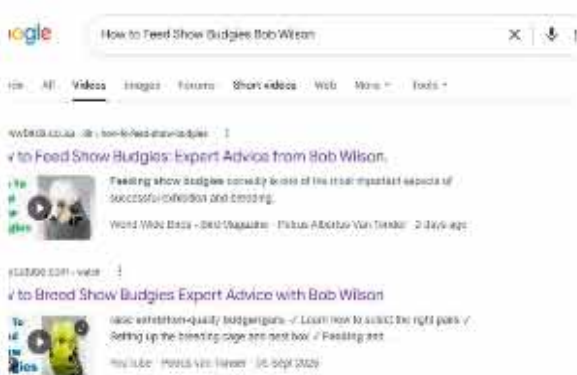
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By: Keriellen Lohrman

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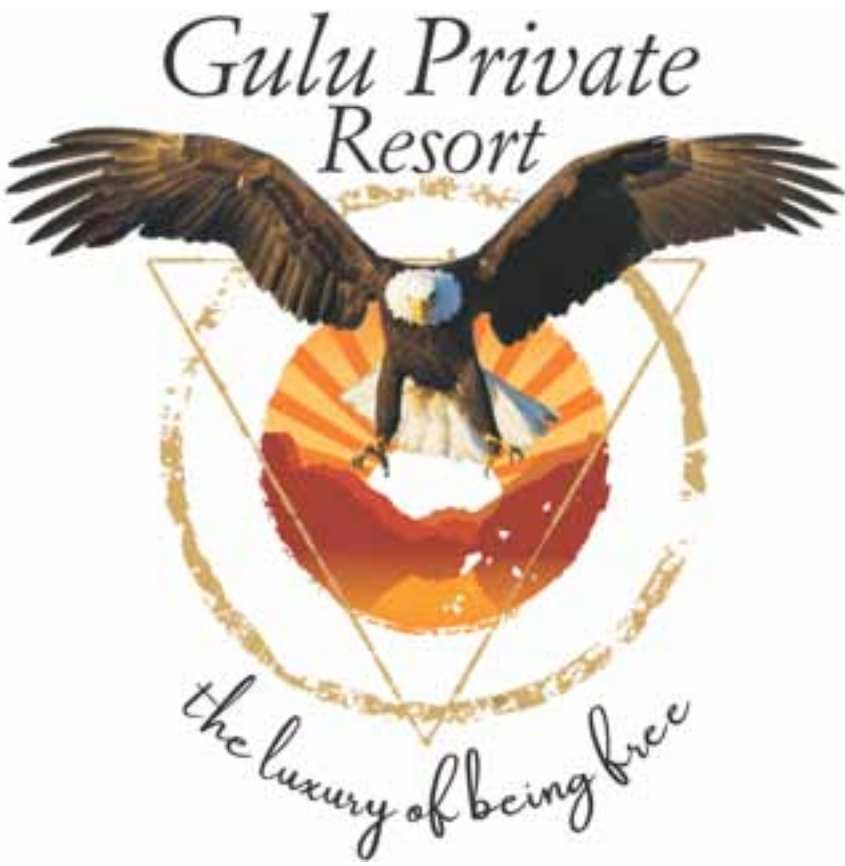
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Is parrot hand-rearing natural?



Obesity Management in Amazon Parrots



Principles of Parrot Hand-rearing and Fostering Management



The RIGHT Way to Pair Parrots for Breeding Success



What should we add to the parrot nest



When Should You Hand-Rear Parrot Chicks (Critical Timing)



Why Pairing Some Parrots Fails



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The Malayan Long-tail Parakeet: A Rare Avian Challenge

Species Profile & Natural Habitat



Native to Tropical Lowlands

They thrive in Southeast Asian mangrove forests and low-lying tropical areas near the sea.



The Signature Long Tail

The bird's defining feature is its tall, which is significantly longer in males than females.



Agricultural Pests in the Wild

While difficult to keep in cages, they are common and often seen as pests in their native range.



The Captivity Survival Gap



Five-Year Survival Limit

Even captive-bred birds rarely live beyond five years in an aviary environment.



The "Dry Seed" Danger

Over-reliance on dry seeds may lead to cardiac disease and strokes in these birds.



Hidden Health Factors

Deaths are often linked to extreme stress or filarial worms found in the air sacs.

Dietary Factors in Captivity

Natural Diet (High Success)

Plant Material:
Fruits, flowers, nectar, and buds

Seeds/Grains:
Minimal dry seed intake

Fat Content:
Lean, plant-based nutrients

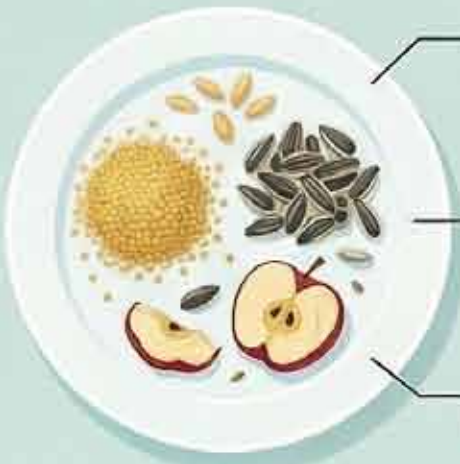


Captive Diet (Low Success)

Plant Material:
Minimal fresh variety

Seeds/Grains:
Heavy reliance on dry seeds

Fat Content:
Birds often become "too fat"



The Gentle Companion: A Guide to Pionus Parrots

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Strict Low-Fat Diet

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Breeding and Maturity Metrics



Breeding Age
3-4 Years Old



Nest Box Size
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Weaning Time
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Don't tidy up too much; leave
seed heads on plants during
autumn and winter.

PLANT IN GROUPS
Birds prefer to forage in
clusters of the same
plant species.

JUST ADD WATER
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water source will attract more birds.

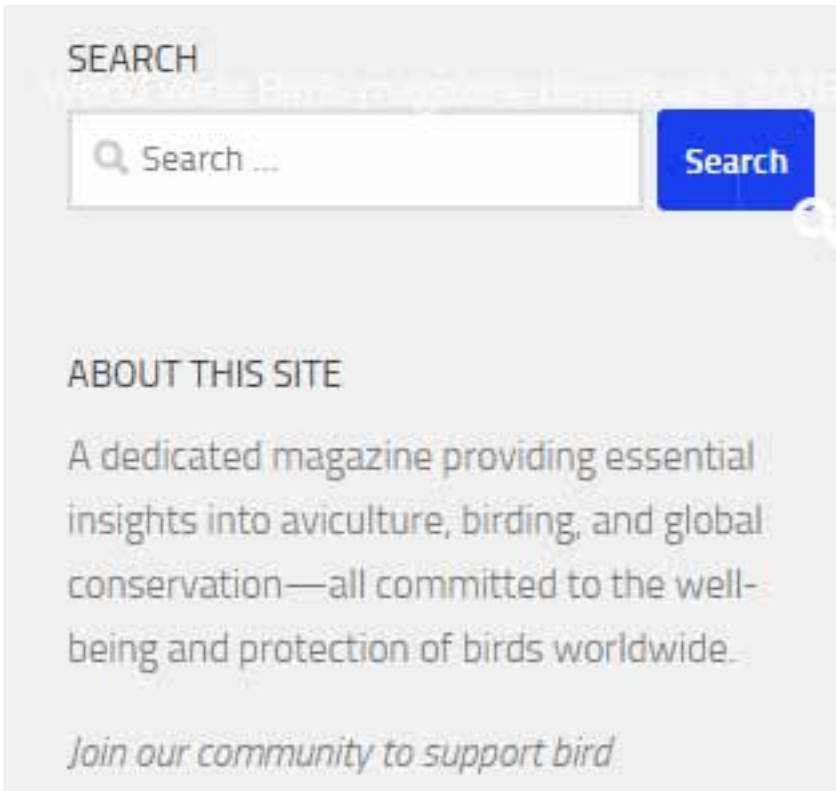
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By: LoraKim Joyner



North coast of Trinidad where we visited during the conference.

The land of Trinidad and Tobago skirts the north coast of Venezuela, and is clothed with a multitude of cultures that arose from Europe, Africa, and the Americas. This diversity flowered at the recent BirdsCaribbean conference, where the organizers gifted me with the opportunity to present the keynote on the day of a Caribbean wide parrot conservation workshop.

My central message was that science is necessary for conservation and can build solidarity, but that science alone is not enough.

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Dusky-headed Conure *Aratinga weddellii*

By: David Dennison



The Dusky-headed Conure, along with the Peach-fronted Conure and Pet's Conure, make a very pleasant group of small Aratinga conures to keep and work with. They are of similar size, ranging from about 26 cm in length to 28 cm in length. Not only are they of similar size, but their dietary requirements are the same, making feeding very simple. While Aratinga conures are notoriously noisy, this species is relatively quite and not nearly as noisy as Sun Conures, for instance.

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Association for Wild-type and Exhibition Budgies of South Africa

AWEBSA is the only National Body in Southern Africa catering for all budgerigars (Exhibition / Wild-Type / Pet Budgies) at our Shows. We also have an Open class where members and non-members show. Exhibition and Wild-Type budgerigars are treated on an equal footing with 25 colour awards each available per show. We invite you to join us and enjoy our wonderful hobby with us.

Judges Panel

Currently our Judges Panel consists of Lionel Sydenham, who is also the Chairperson of the Judges Committee and Johan Lucas. Dries van Wyk and Chris Boschhoff are currently trainee judges.

AWEBSA judges will be trained under a vigorous program and would be required to judge to the procedures and standards of perfection laid down for exhibits by the Association.

Fairness and consistency promote the confidence of our exhibitors in supporting our shows throughout the country.

Our judges are going to be challenged continuously by mutation identification and this is going to add to the debates and enjoyment of our hobby.

Frequently Asked Questions Do Budgies Stink / Smell?

No not at all, the only smell could be a very dirty cage or uneaten food in the cage.

Allergies and Diseases?

Sure, you could be allergic to budgies. People can be allergic to newsprint, peanuts, Styro-foam, you name it. Only you know what you are allergic to. But most people aren't allergic to budgies but they do have some feather dust.

As far as diseases go, it's not like your budgie is roaming the woods to "catch something". You could ALWAYS take any new pet to a vet to get a check-up and make sure it starts out healthy. But if a vet says it is healthy, the chance of it mysteriously catching something while it sits in a room in your house is slim to none. And since you live in that house too, chances are you are the one who gave that disease to your pet! Just joking!

Why budgies?

Budgies have fascinating personalities that make them excellent pets. They are extremely playful and curious, and they love to explore.

They have a strong flock mentality, which means that they are happiest when they are among other budgies.

Is my Budgie Male or Female?

Male budgies usually have a blue cere. Females have either a whitish brown (non-breeding) cere, tan cere, or brown cere.

The cere is the area above the beak of the budgie containing the nostrils.

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The symposium will take place **Friday, September 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time** and is designed for veterinarians ranging from those new to avian medicine to experienced and board-certified practitioners. Veterinary technicians, researchers, students and avian enthusiasts are also welcome. [Register now!](#)

Participants will learn from recognized experts in avian medicine, nutrition, emergency care, behavior, welfare and practical feeding. Veterinarians who complete the program will receive **five hours of Continuing Education credit through the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences**, and participants will receive an official certificate from Texas A&M.

Expert-Led Avian Education - The one-day program will feature:

9:00 a.m. — Introduction to Avian Medicine
Stephen Fronefield, DVM

10:00 a.m. — An Avian Nutrition Primer
Liz Koutsos, PhD

11:00 a.m. — The Avian ER
Tia Greenberg, DVM

12:00 p.m. — Sponsor’s Corner: Harrison’s Bird Foods
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1:30 p.m. — Lessons Learned: Insights from Studies of Captive and Wild Parrots
Don Brightsmith, PhD

2:30 p.m. — The Parrot Plate: Practical Tips for Avian Feeding
Jonathan Stockman, DVM

3:30 p.m. — Final Question-and-Answer Session
Expert Panel

Presentations will be followed by question-and-answer sessions, giving participants an opportunity to engage directly with the speakers and explore how current science can be translated into practical avian care.

Advancing Evidence-Based Avian Health

For Harrison’s Bird Foods, sponsoring the symposium continues a decades-long commitment to advancing avian health through nutrition, education and scientific research.

“For more than 40 years, our mission has been about much more than making bird food,” said **Dr. Greg Harrison, founder of Harrison’s Bird Foods and a pioneer in avian medicine and nutrition**. “It has been about improving the health and longevity of companion birds through education, research and better nutrition. Bringing experts together to share what we know and identify what we still need to learn is essential to moving avian medicine forward.”

The symposium builds upon Harrison’s relationship with Texas A&M. In 2024, Harrison’s Bird Foods provided **\$250,000 to Texas A&M’s Schubot Center for Avian Health** to advance avian health and nutrition research, including research examining how different diets contribute to the overall health of parrots.

“Bird owners today have access to more feeding information than ever before, but more information does not necessarily mean better information,” said **Dana O’Donoghue, CEO of Harrison’s Bird Foods**. “Our responsibility is to continue asking difficult questions, testing assumptions and supporting independent scientific research so veterinarians and bird owners can make nutritional decisions based on evidence rather than trends, anecdotes or marketing claims.”

Registration

Texas A&M has structured registration to make the virtual symposium accessible to participants around the world:

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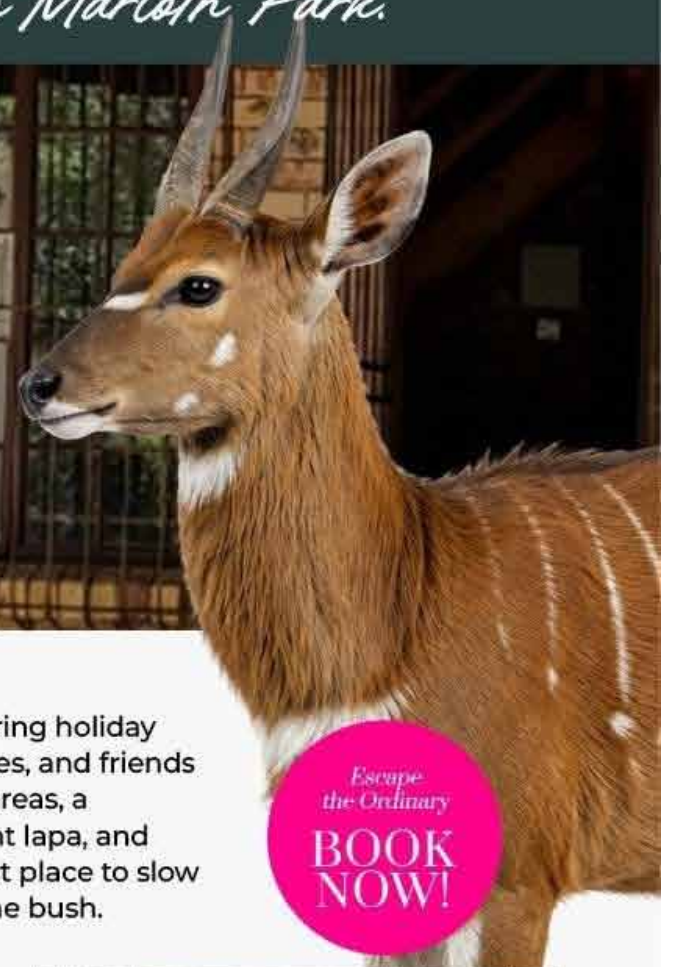
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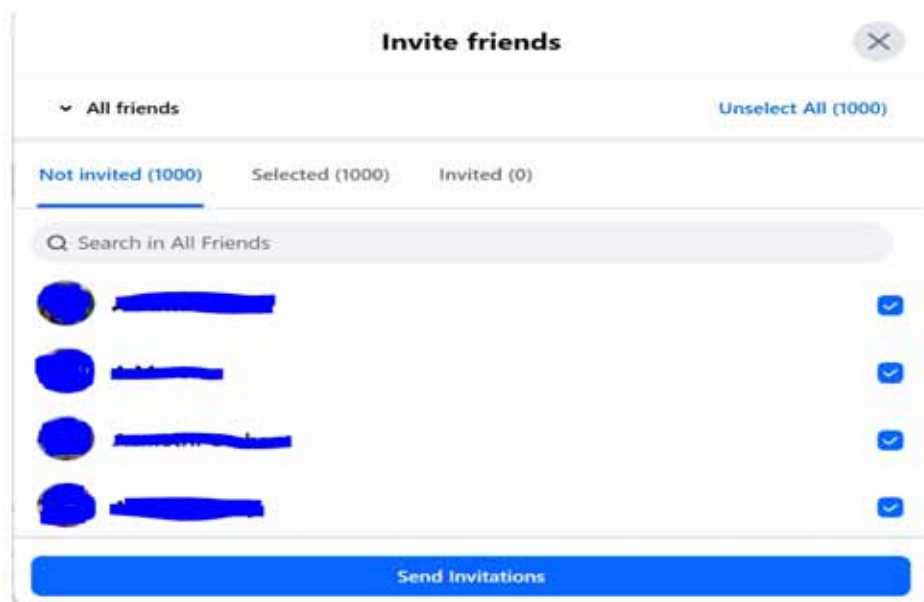
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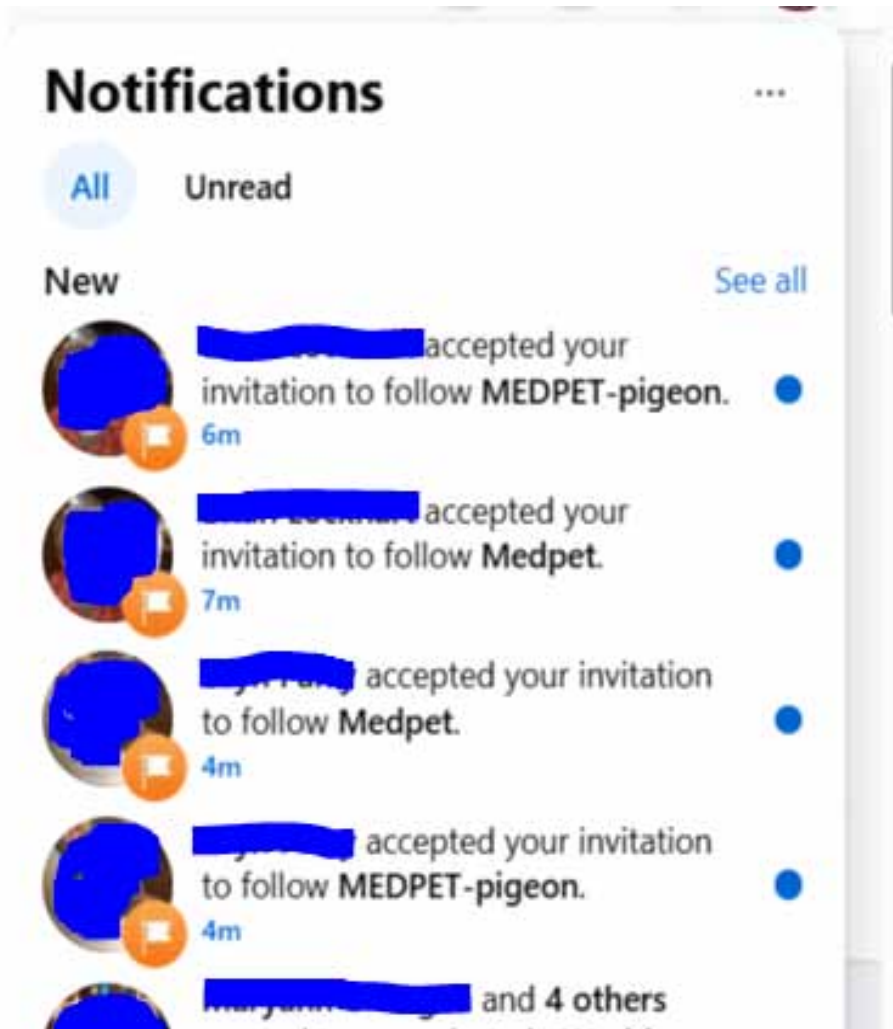
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