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Biting Matters: Living Bite-free With Your Parrot

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Living Bite-free With Your Parrot



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Synopsis

Does your bird chase family members and bite them or fly at and attack them? Is your bird overly bonded with one family member and aggressive towards all others? Has your bird been in his cage for years because you are afraid to let him out? Bites are painful, frustrating, dangerous, and unnecessary. Why not learn how to avoid them altogether? *Biting Matters* is a concise, comprehensive, and easy to understand guidebook about living bite-free with your bird. It covers: Common biting solutions don't work. (There are plenty!) The tools and exercises to analyze why your bird bites. Bite triggers and how to respond to them. All-purpose solutions that reduce or eliminate bites from any bird. Situational solutions to address common problems. *Biting Matters* covers this frustrating problem from every angle and teaches you how to live happily (and bite free!) with your bird.

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Customer Reviews

Really helpful book!!!! Helped me realize some things I was doing was spot on compared to what I

had read on the Internet. It also gave me many ideas to try. Patience, patience, patience with all birds. This book helped me realize this. I will definitely be using this book quite often to help my bird and me reach goals we need to reach. This book not only will help with biting but other negative behaviors as well. It is not just a one time read. It is an ongoing help guide that you can refer to over and over!!! Great book!!! Definitely worth the purchase!!!!

I like the practical exercises and step by step instructions. I think it could have even more examples for us the novices

Well written and with what appears to be very sound advice. I hope that it will, indeed, help with my aggressive parrot.

This book is excellent! I can't recommend it enough to anyone who needs help with working with their bird to overcome biting problems.

A very helpful and well written resource. Thank you!

offering some good perspectives on our relationship with our feathered, curved beaked, friends. Nothing really new, but refreshingly, funnily, written.

In her helpful book about companion parrot biting behavior, Phoenix Landing volunteer Jenny Drummey offers a flat-out useful tutorial, as well as sound advice, concerning this beaky matter. In the opening chapter, she starts by examining the emotional side of biting. She admits something that, as a bird owner, I wish more owners shared with newbies. The scars that bites leave behind are certainly physical, but they're psychological and emotional too. Hallelujah. Starting with a pledge to institute ideas, methods, behavior changes, commitment, environment changes, etc., to reduce or eliminate bites from a bird, the reader is encouraged to keep a journal, develop his or her own biting plan, and use tools such as the Bite Analyzer. You can also figure out how likely you are to get bitten during certain behaviors by plugging the behaviors into your own Bite-o-meter. Drummey gives short assignments that pull the reader into the text as a participant, not just someone who's being lectured to. Even though Drummey did an excellent job of making me feel a part of the lessons and

examples as I read, I never felt that she blamed me for the biting behavior I could relate to in the text. I felt instead that she was giving me strategies to deal with the biting behavior when I see it about to happen with one of my parrots or at an event with someone else's bird. Throughout the book, Drummey has important tips called "Bite Bits" placed in the margins to attract attention, such as "Parrots do not need a logical reason to be uncomfortable." The assignments I mentioned are set off by boxes labeled "Try This At Home." The use of subheadings within chapters also helps break up individual concepts and makes this book an easy one to follow. When you want to check something specific later, the table of contents lists those subheadings, making this an easy reference tool. One chapter you don't see many of the "Try This At Home" boxes in is "Biting Solutions That Don't Work." The subheading sections of negative ideas in this chapter only get five pages of space, but they clearly express what readers should avoid when working to gain trust and reduce bites from parrots. Drummey has prepared a no-nonsense guide to why our feathered friends bite in different situations with the heavy emphasis on correcting both our behavior and the bird's. Her approach appears rooted in positive behavior modification with the human recognizing when the environment is ripe for biting and how to change the situation.

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