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FEATHER PICKING HISTORY FORM

To best determine the cause of the feather picking in your bird, and best determine diagnostic and treatment recommendations, please completely fill out the form below.

- 1) What do you feed/offer your bird?

- 2) What does your bird actually eat?

- 3) What type of cage does your bird have? How big is it? Where is the location of the cage? Do you cover the cage at night?

- 4) How many toys do you keep in the cage at any one time? Do you rotate the toys? How often?

- 5) Where did you obtain your bird?

- 6) How long have you owned your bird?

- 7) Does the bird live with any other birds? Has he ever lived with any other birds? What kinds?

- 8) What is the age and sex of the bird?

- 9) Has there been any prior diagnostic testing? (CBC/Chem, viral, Chlamydia)

- 10) Has the bird ever been vaccinated?

- 11) How long has the bird been feather picking?

- 12) What month did the picking start?

- 13) Has the bird feather picked in the past, stopped, and then resumed picking?
 - a) Is there a seasonal pattern?
 - b) Is the picking associated with times of molting?
 - c) Is there an association with perceived reproductive activity?
- 14) Do you see the bird actually picking?
- 15) What do you do when you see him picking?
- 16) Does the bird pick when you are absent?
- 17) If the bird picks when you are present, how does he act?
- 18) Is the bird seem itchy?
- 19) Does he scream or vocalize when he picks?
- 20) Will he interrupt a favorite activity to pick?
- 21) Is there a time of day when he picks?
- 22) Does the bird entertain himself?
- 23) From a personality standpoint, how would you characterize your bird (check all that apply)
 - a) Relaxed
 - b) Anxious
 - c) Playful
 - d) Fearful
 - e) Aggressive