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This test is very accurate, but the vet who did the procedure may not be, for this test is one year old and many Avian Vets do not follow the procedure..

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NE>it accurate? it was suggested getting him re-tested 3 months

NE>from now.

do it now with a different Avian vet as directed from above and

please do not have despair at this time, just inquire of all I wrote. I am a breeder of the Cockatoos, Macaws and Eclectus and all are clean here but I have had to study amd make sure of the procedures so I can make sure I have the vet that knows the procedure and follow it to the letter!

NE>obviously i'm in shock here, so i'll end my posting

now.

NE>-- God be with you and so am I , Cherane, Heavenly Aviary  
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p SLMR 2.1a p All hope given, ye who enter messages here.

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**2** **From:** [barbara.ling](#) - [view profile](#) Not yet rated  
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In article <9311160633.A021...@bird.com> cherane.traj...@bird.com writes:

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i'm curious, why wouldn't it work? angus had his blood taken the first time (i believe) from his jugular, but not really the neck area - 'bout 1/2 an inch down. i did ask about the nail blood; the vet replied that it's not as effective.

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here's an update, folks - i took angus for a second test at the amwell bird hospital - the avian vet there \*really\* knew what he was doing. no fumbling, no hesitancy, very professional. he looked

better than my own doctor with the needle!! into the jugular, out of the jugular, <wham> total time less than 5 seconds.

the vet told me that he hasn't heard of miniMacaws contracting the virus (he's written some papers about PBF - i think his name is McKinley). before going thru the test, he spoke for 20 minutes about the proper care and feeding of birdies. if i was not consumed with worry about angus i probably would have found this talk highly interesting. :-) so the test results should be back within the next 12 days.

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yep, i've heard all sorts of horror stories. it does make you appreciate places like the birdie store in Montclair, NJ - the owner has a sign on his door which reads, if you've visited another bird please wait before coming in (or something like that). the mother tongue thought this somewhat paranoid - now i can certainly see why!!

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do you know the whole procedure? if so, can you tell me?

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i get the idea you are a breeder. i never before thought of a breeder who educates themselves to the vet-level - i guess it makes perfect sense. more power to you! and many thanx for your good sense.

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★ **Montclair bird store, was Re: PSITTICENE BEAK AND FEATHER**

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I thought folks might like to know that the store Barbara is referring to is Exotic Birds of Pet Agree in Watchung Plaza, Montclair, NJ. The owner, Mark, cares more for his birds than anyone I've met at a store and will do anything within his power to make sure his babies get a good start on life, be it by signs like the one above or by flat out refusing to sell to someone whom he feels might not give an ideal home.

A few summers ago, I was in the market for my first "big bird" and approached Mark telling him that I was either going to acquire a Grey (Dusty) who was living in a less than ideal environment or that I would buy a bird from him. When I recounted Dusty's less than happy story, he told me he would do whatever it took so that Dusty ended up in my care, whether that meant talking to Dusty's current owner on my behalf or by refusing to sell me a bird until I could prove to him I'd tried my best. He was adamant and I was astounded! Here was a guy with a fairly small shop, turning down a sale so that some bird he didn't know at all might have a happier life.

I suppose it's this devotion, coupled with a heck of a lot of knowledge, that's made Mark's business grow. Last time I was back in town and checked up on him, he was planning on moving to a larger store and had a huge waiting list.

Craig

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>it accurate? it was suggested getting him re-tested 3 months  
>from now.

Barbara,

First, I'm very sorry for you and your bird. If you think of it as if your pet had the avian equivalent to HIV, you'd get the idea. With good supportive care, he can still live several years. Its not the disease itself that does the damage, its the secondary infections etc that result in loss of the bird. PBFD is a virus and so far, only detectable by DNA probe (radioactive tagging of a particular DNA combination if I recall correctly) It is pretty accurate, but sampling error and/or lab errors have occured! Do get him re-tested!! Meanwhile, feed a good diet and keep him AND YOU completely isolated from any other birds. PBFD is a nasty virus and can be transmitted via dust on shoes and clothing from an infected bird. Petstores are prime candidates for spreading disease because of the high traffic nature of their business. In general, a good diet, high in fresh, nutritious fresh foods, adequate sleep and a stress free invironment will greatly lengthen your pets life. Supportive care at the first signs of any illness will be mandatory.

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NE>Thanx

NE>Cathy

NE>  
Kathy, I am and (was) a Cockatoo breeder, for I still have the  
Rosebreast, Moluccan and Bare Eye for breeding.

I have four Enviracaire Air Cleaners. Get them they will help you a  
lot. I have this many for I had many babies in my house this past year  
and they almost killed me with my breathing. The cleaners will help and  
spray or bath daily will help wiht the dust. Macaws do not have the  
dust and you might concider changing your pets!

Cherane , Heavenly Aviary

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