

# Showing birds offers many benefits

Other than carrying on a tradition of more than 50 years, why does TBBFA go to all of the trouble and expense of a bird show each year. Wouldn't it just be easier to have a bird mart, make some money and donate it to a good avian cause?

Shows set standards for breeding high quality birds. Traditionally people exhibit the animals they consider to be the best quality stock whether it be a horse, dog or bird. Standards for most animals come from some sort of show or fair where a judge compares conformation, size, appearance and behavior of the animal. The exhibitors learn from these events and put their knowledge to work on their next generation of breeding.

Many types of birds are only seen at a show. Some of the uncommon mutations of birds would never be seen out of their aviary if it were not for a show. The breeders can compare the quality of their color mutations and the audiences see birds unlike any seen at pet stores or bird marts. Breeders also would have less of a motivation to breed new mutations and be sure the quality of the birds remained at a high standard.

Shows provide an opportunity for experienced aviculturists and newer bird keepers to exchange information. Any person who has kept birds for many years will be quick to admit they are still learning about birds. People who are new to aviculture and wanting to learn can tap into the knowledge of those who have been learning the "hard way" over the years. An old hand can occasionally pick up a new trick from someone who is new and trying different approaches. Aviculturists with both levels of experience benefit and gain from this sort of communication.

Shows offer another way to educate the general public about exotic birds. The general public often is drawn to the shows to learn more about birds for themselves or their kids. The audiences learn from watching and asking questions as the show proceeds. Many exhibitors have the opportunity to explain one on one to visitors about a particular bird, proper care and other important factors if they should decide to get a bird as a pet.

Shows are fun! All of the exhibitors enjoy the excitement of seeing how their birds compare with the other competitors. Will my bird bend a feather or dip it in the water? Is he going to sit on the perch today? Why did he just whistle at the judge? Where did that wild feather come from? Nobody knows what will happen next at a show!



# Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Association

## Application for membership or renewal

This includes two persons at the same address. A club roster is printed and distribute each year.

Please indicate at the bottom of this form if you do not want any information released.

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**Annual Dues \$15.00 (From January 1st to December 31st)**

**New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_ street address

on the membership roster.

*Please make checks payable to TBBFA.*

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*Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Association (TBBFA) was established in 1947 and our first bird show was held in 1952. We were the first club in Texas organized for the purpose of showing birds. TBBFA is dedicated to supporting bird shows and exhibits. We are committed to encouraging and developing better care and breeding of caged birds; to creating a better understanding and closer relationship between breeders, exhibitors and retailers; and to provide assistance to beginners in the breeding and showing of quality birds.*

*Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association members invite you to join our club or attend one of our quarterly meetings to get to know us.*

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