

Eastern District Budgerigar Club Newsletter



October 2021

Hello Members

So, Victoria is starting to open up again. We are not yet sure what this will mean for Budgie clubs, shows etc. but it must be better than the last few months. However, due to the uncertain climate around lockdown, the committee has unfortunately decided to cancel this year's Diploma Show.

New Members

The club welcomes Phil Anderson. We hope you enjoy your new hobby.

Be covid safe

At this stage, not everyone has had access to a Covid vaccine, but with more and more vaccines coming on line, we encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as you can so we can start club activities again.

In line with many organisations, the Committee has decided to limit access to all 2021 club events (if they run) to those who have had at least one vaccination. In 2022, the club committee will restrict attendance at Eastern District Club activities to only those who have had two vaccinations. This policy will be reviewed later in 2022.

Code of Conduct reminder

Unfortunately, Committee members have recently become aware of some unpleasant behavior between a few members, bordering on bullying. This cannot be tolerated. We understand that times have been very stressful for many people this year but please do not take it out on fellow hobbyists – think before you speak!

The BCV has a clear code of conduct with respect to members' behaviour. All members are asked to respect everyone else in the hobby, when communicating by phone, in person or on social media. If you feel that you are being constantly treated unreasonably by one or more persons in the club, please talk to a committee member as soon as possible.

Our Facebook Page

Our page is a club page and we want everyone to feel free to use it, if they follow Facebook. So please post your budgie stories, successes, failures and questions with or without pictures. And other members, please comment on posts, answer questions if you can help and generally encourage a positive culture on our page. (But not *TOO* much bragging please!)

The BCV Social media policy rules are added at the end of this newsletter for your reference.

Club Meetings in 2021

Covid permitting, we are hoping to hold an outdoor meeting in November. We must also obtain permission from Council to use their hall. Alternatively, we will try and make another suitable

plan. You will be notified, probably by email, as to what we can do, very close to the meeting date (25 November).

Tips for Beginners

PUTTING ON A LEG RING

The first time I put on a leg ring it was a scary minute, while I struggled to get those little waving claws lined up without breaking off the chick's leg. And then how do you get those last 1-2 claws through?

Chicks are rung when their feet knuckles have grown large enough to hold the ring on the leg but not too large that the ring won't fit over it; generally, 7-10 days old. Have some Vaseline on hand to help slide on a ring if it feels tight. Avoid damaging the foot skin.

Some people put the first two long claws through first and then draw through the last two, whilst others thread the three forward claws through at first. I use my finger and thumb to draw the trailing claw through the ring, others use a blunt needle or equivalent to hook them through. Always remember to draw through ALL the claws otherwise, if the ring doesn't fall off, you will have a deformed foot in the future.



There are numerous UTube clips online showing you how to ring a budgie, so have a look before you panic, and find the clip that suits you best.

For example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GKKetcW_hg

BCV Social media policy rules (which can be applied to any social interaction)

Policy Statement

"The BCV" are committed to engaging in Social Media activity transparently, responsibly and with respect. The BCV expects the same commitment from you and any deviation from such commitments may be subject to disciplinary review or other appropriate action and will be deemed as "bringing the Hobby into disrepute".

Your Conduct in Social Media Activity

It is important that the social media activity that you engage in is in accordance with the aims of "The BCV" – being "to promote and encourage the breeding and exhibiting of Budgerigars". Your conduct has the potential to harm our reputation and as such, you must be conscious of your behavior and wording used towards others and about issues pertaining to our hobby.

The following are very relevant points

- a. Ensure you do not imply that you represent "The BCV" or "The Clubs" or "Members" in any of your posts or comments "online".
- b. Consider when posting content whether it may damage the reputation or future of "The BCV", "The Clubs" or other "Members".
- c. Act with Honesty and Integrity, in an ethical and professional manner and avoid conflicts with other

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