**Celebrate National Pet Bird Day September 17**

*The Bird Enjoyment & Advantage Koalition (BEAK) created National Pet Bird Day to celebrate the joys and benefits of pet bird ownership.*

Attention pet bird owners and lovers—be sure to mark your calendar for September 17, which will be the 4th Annual National Pet Bird Day! This special day of celebration was created in 2019 to recognize all of the wonderful ways in which pet birds enrich our lives, as well as to educate current and potential bird owners about the responsibilities and commitments that come with having a companion bird.

Some of the main goals of National Pet Bird Day include:

* Recognizing and celebrating the important role of pet birds in our lives
* Uniting pet bird owners who all share a commonality of loving birds
* Providing education on the responsible care of companion birds
* Raising awareness on the joys and benefits of adding a bird to your home

What is it exactly that bird owners love most about their feathered companions? Bird owners often cite the fact that birds are fun to watch and have in the household as one of the key benefits, as well as the love, companionship, affection, and stress relief they provide. In addition, studies indicate that birds can also increase social interaction—which is essential for mental health and wellbeing—and pets of various types can be instrumental in teaching children empathy and responsibility.

Here are a few fun bird facts according to data from the American Pet Products Association’s (APPA) 2021-2022 National Pet Owners Survey:

* 8% of U.S. households now include pet birds
* Bird owners have an average of 2.46 birds each
* Millennials are the top bird-owning demographic, with 45% of current bird owners belonging to the Millennial generation. Thirty-one percent are members of Gen Z, 19% Gen X, and 14% are Baby Boomers.
* Nearly half of new bird owners indicated that their decision to get a pet was impacted by the pandemic
* Eighty percent of bird owners say they buy gifts for their pets, spending an average of $56 per gift

Want to join in the fun this National Pet Bird Day and celebrate the many benefits of having a companion bird? There are many ways to participate! Here are a few ideas:

* Post celebratory bird photos, stories, stats and articles on social media and use the hashtag #NationalPetBirdDay
  + Visit [www.NationalPetBirdDay.com](http://www.NationalPetBirdDay.com) for downloadable memes and post copy
  + Tag @MyRightBird
* Participate in our “What My Pet Bird Means to Me” video contest! Visit <https://myrightbird.com/what-my-pet-bird-means-to-me-contest> to submit a short video by July 15, 2022 showcasing a funny, cute, or heartwarming moment with your pet bird.
* Take the quiz on [www.MyRightBird.com](http://www.MyRightBird.com) to see types of birds that may be right for your lifestyle and share your results online
* Show your pet bird how much you love them by getting them a new toy or treat and giving them a little extra love on September 17
* Download our Facebook profile photo frame and update your profile photo on September 17. [Facebook.com/myrightbird](https://www.facebook.com/myrightbird)
* Follow @MyBird on Facebook and Instagram and share your stories and photos with us using the hashtag #NationalPetBirdDay

No matter how you choose to participate, we hope you’ll join us in celebrating National Pet Bird Day and taking the opportunity to share the many benefits our winged friends bring to our lives. Visit [www.MyRightBird.com](http://www.MyRightBird.com) for more information.

If you are a business in the pet bird industry and would like to learn more about joining BEAK/MyBird, we encourage you to get in touch with us at [info@myrightbird.com](mailto:info@myrightbird.com)!