Reward Positive Behavior With Bird Treats

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Make training a positive and pleasurable experience for your bird.

Birds are very intelligent animals that can be trained to perform a variety of tricks. While many birds enjoy the training session and consider the interaction a reward in itself, some birds require more incentive. Treats are an excellent way to coax reluctant birds and to establish and reinforce positive behavior.

Use Treats as a Motivator

When training with treats, it is important to choose the treat your bird shows the most enthusiasm for. A favorite treat makes an excellent motivator and should be used exclusively for training. Keep this particular treat special by storing it in a separate location and avoid taking it out other than for training. The treat will then remain "special" and will also serve as a visual signal, generating anticipation and enthusiastic behavior.

Treats should be broken into bitesize portions and seeds or nuts should be shelled for quick and easy consumption. Small portions are ideal, since they can be consumed quickly and maintain the focus on training rather than on eating. Colorful and flavorful treats such as Nutri-Berries or Kaytee Yogurt Dips are excellent choices.

Consistently Reward Positive Behavior

To ensure fruitful and productive training, rewards sho be given consistently, so your bird associates the treat desired action. Reward your bird immediately after ea correct behavior so he is able to make a clear connecti Treats should be given as a Any delays can weaken the association and confuse ye reward to positively bird.

Clearly defining the relationship between desired actic good behavior and treat will be the basis for all behavior modification immediately. Do not Reward positive behavior and never hit, yell, or give a acknowledge bad behavior

Behavior Effect

When should I give my bird a treat?

reinforce desired behavior. When training, reward

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other type of punishment. This will only help to erode in any way. trust you are trying to establish.

Make training a positive and pleasurable experience. Be sure to lavish your bird with verbal rewards and praise your bird for each success. Training sessions should always end on a positive note. Soon, the interaction during training will be reward enough and you'll be pleasantly surprised at all the tricks your well-behaved bird is able to perform.