

## Live Bird Container Receives Express Mail Approval!

The Bird N.E.S.T. has recently been approved by the U.S. Post Office for Express Mail shipments of live birds.

The Bird N.E.S.T. knocks down flat for easy shipping and storage. It has a convenient carrying handle, and a unique lid that allows each compartment to be opened separately. Its interior dimensions are 24" x 18" x 14" and can be easily divided into from one to four compartments.

This economical shipping container has been developed in conjunction with members of the American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society and the Poultry Disease Research Center at the University of Georgia. The Bird N.E.S.T. is a result of membrane research that Horizon has conducted for the National Institutes of Health for laboratory animal isolation. These membranes are used in the Bird N.E.S.T. to provide biological security and ample ventilation.

Below is a copy of the official Mail notice that allows birds to be shipped via Express Mail. Please inform members/readers about this new service.

Contact me at (404) 546-1268 if you have any questions about our container or shipping regulations.

Sincerely,

Sheila Lichtefeld, Marketing Director

### — Domestic Mail Manual Notice — Mailable Birds

Effective with Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) Issue 33, 12-17-89, section 124.636 (1) (b), Live Animals, is revised to

allow adult chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, doves, pheasants, partridge, quail, ducks, geese and swans, as well as pigeons, packaged in biologically secure containers approved by the Office of Classification and Rates Administration to enter the mailstream via Express Mail. For humane treatment, the number of birds per parcel must meet container manufacturer limits, and individual birds should weigh more than six ounces. ●

Rates and Classification Dept., 10-19-89



## Utah Pheasant Society

by Carol Roundy, secretary

The Utah Pheasant Society was first started about 1946 with 12 members. The current roster shows 127 regular members and four honorary members.

The Club's main purpose is the propagation and preservation of pheasants.

Meetings are held at the Valley Jr. High School in Granger, Utah, on the third Wednesday of each month with the exceptions of July and August when most folks are occupied with summer activities. In June, they have a picnic and in September, an annual bird auction. In November, the club sponsors a show where members exhibit their birds and are judged by Federation judges. This event is held at the Murray Fairgrounds in Murray, Utah. After the judging, they have a show banquet. Each December they have a festive Christmas banquet.

The members are mainly from Utah but they do have them from California, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Oregon, Kansas, Nebraska and Washington as well.

Anyone interested in the Utah Pheasant Society should contact: Editor Bob Wellington, 5039 W. 3500 So., West Valley City, UT 84120, telephone (801) 969-3784, or President Parley Roundy, 10895 So. 1300 W., So. Jordan, UT 84065, telephone (801) 254-4313.

The dues are \$15.00 annually and include the Utah Pheasant Society Annual Breeder's Guide, membership roster, and a monthly newsletter that keeps the members informed of all the upcoming events and happenings.

The governing structure of the Society consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, six directors, editor and show chairman. ●

## California Game Breeders Association

by Kathy Evanilla, editor

The California Game Breeders Association was formed in 1934. The primary goal was to increase members' knowledge of gamebirds and waterfowl and exchange ideas for better bird breeding. The current membership stands at 197 with most members concentrated in California, others scattered throughout the western United States.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Bahooka Restaurant in Rosemead, California, at 7 p.m. After dinner, we have speakers, slides, raffles, and all the good camaraderie our club provides! We publish a monthly news bulletin and a breeder's guide every two years.

Some of our more unusual activities include an annual aviary tour and a big, annual November gamebird show which is judged by Federation standards. It's often we will have over 1,000 birds entered at this show so it's really worth your while if you can arrange a visit.

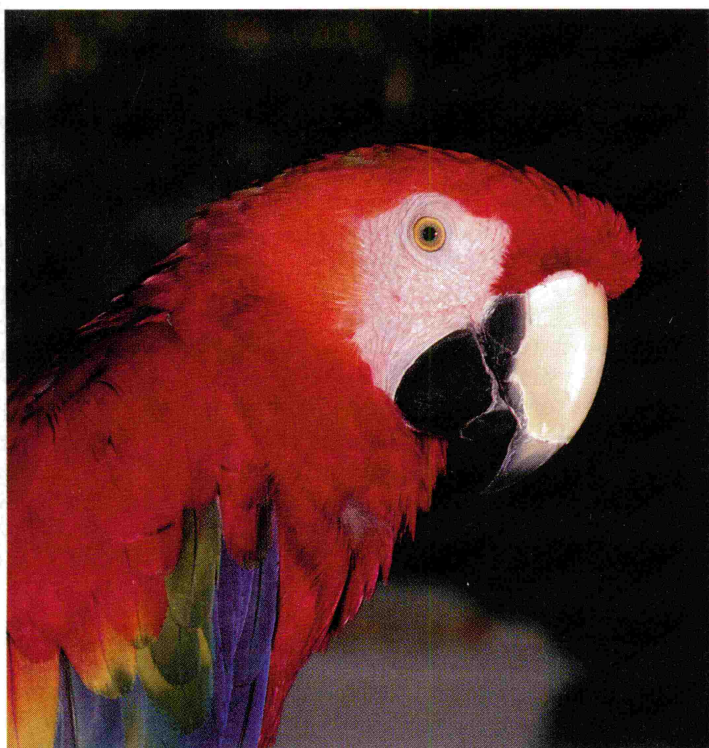
Another of our show activities is a big bird display and club booth at the huge Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, California, that happens annually in September and runs four about two weeks.

The dues are \$14.00 per year, \$6.00 for a second adult household member, \$6.00 for a student 12-18 years old, \$3.00 for a junior up to 12 years old.

Join us and have some fun meeting new people, while learning all about gamebirds! Contact: Kathy Evanilla, 4928 North Doreen Ave., Temple City, CA 91780. ●



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