

# **SHOULD I TAKE MY BIRD TO A VET ?**

We get many questions that begin with: "Should I take my bird to a vet ?"  
If you think it, do it.

Some sure signs of illness or injury are:

1. Dull eyes.
2. Puffed up for unusually long times and at unusual times of day.  
(This usually means the bird is trying to keep all the heat it can in his/her system and is ill).
3. Sleeping much more than usual.
4. Eating much less than usual.
5. Sluggish and listless.
6. Loose potties (consistently having wet potties is another major warning sign).
7. Much more needy/cuddly/wanting to be held than usual.  
(Birds will look to their flock mates to protect them when they are ill.)
8. Weight loss - often the very first sign.

If any of the above doesn't seem right to you PLEASE see your Avian Certified Vet. ASAP. And if you see 2 or more symptoms, DON'T WAIT! Birds try to hide their illness so they won't be pushed out of the flock, so by the time you notice a problem it could be too late. This is a repeat thought but so many of you over the years have waited just a little too long. It can't be stressed enough. These little guys are not like a cat or a dog. For that reason you should always have an Avian Vet lined up for an emergency.

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