

May 24, 1983

TO: Dr. Robert Eckroade, Secretary-Treasurer, AAAP
FROM: A.A. Bickford, Co-Chairman, AAAP Committee on Pet Birds. *KAB*
RE: Annual Report of Committee (1982-83)

Major Committee activities for the year included:

- 1) A meeting with AAV leadership regarding the potential for joint AAAP-AAV activities on pet bird diseases. Consensus appeared to indicate little enthusiasm or need for such joint action this year.
- 2) A meeting of 6 of the 8 Committee members (or their representatives) was held in Davis, CA to discuss Committee priorities. It was decided to pursue the following activities:
 - a) Support of the National Cage and Aviary Bird Improvement Plan (as prepared by the USAHA Subcommittee on the Model State Program for Pet Birds).
 - b) Identification of diagnostic laboratories and specific personnel with interests and capabilities in diagnosing cage and aviary bird diseases.
 - c) Development of guidelines for submitting specimens to diagnostic laboratories.
 - d) Compilation of an annual report of diseases diagnosed in cage and aviary birds.
- 3) A mailing to all diagnostic laboratories in the USDA/APHIS Directory of Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratories requesting reports from those which specifically summarize diseases of pet birds.

Progress to date:

The Committees' support for the National Cage and Aviary Bird Improvement Plan was expressed by a representative (Dr. Mallinson) at a meeting of the USAHA Subcommittee on the Model State Program for Pet Birds held March 16, 1983, in Hyattsville, Maryland. It appears that the program is moving ahead with good support from all constituencies and Veterinary Services, APHIS. Official AAAP support will be solicited at our annual meeting.

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About half of the diagnostic laboratories contacted have responded to our survey on reporting of pet bird diseases. While responses have not been analyzed it appears that relatively few laboratories actually see significant numbers of pet birds and even fewer keep records by species.

Preparation of guidelines for specimen submission to diagnostic laboratories is under way and should be ready for review this summer.

Committee Membership

Richard Davis	Theodore Lafeber
David Graham	George West
Marion Hammarlund	Arthur Bickford and Greg Harrison,
Dyarl King	Co-Chairmen

Report of the Avian Tumor Viruses Committee

May 13, 1983

This committee has planned an Avian Leukosis Virus (ALV) workshop to be held Monday morning, prior to the 1983 AVMA meeting in New York. This workshop will cover the current status of ALV control in the industry and recent research in this area.

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