

**Otterkill Animal Hospital  
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**AVIAN EXAMINATION CONSENT FORM**

We understand that you are here today with your bird because of a concern about a health problem. Our Otterkill Animal Hospital health care team is pleased you have chosen to have us treat your companion. Examinations of birds that are sick and even those which are healthy can carry some inherent risks that we need to make you aware of.

1.) By their nature, birds will hide their illnesses. In the wild this is a protective measure in order to avoid being hunted or ostracized from the flock. But from our standpoint it means that your bird may be much more seriously ill than it seems. Or, the illness may have been present before you first noticed symptoms. Therefore your bird may be much more seriously ill than it seems.

2.) Many bird patients are also suffering from poor nutrition even though you are trying your best to provide a good diet. Many times they eat only the poorer quality or less nutritious seeds which can lead to a dietary imbalance. This can lead to lower calcium levels which can make their hearts weaker without showing any outward symptoms.

3.) Birds that are not used to a lot of handling and even those that are can become unduly stressed during the course of our examination. While we do everything possible to minimize these stresses, each individual bird's response may vary.

The combination of all the above may mean your bird is at risk of a serious reaction during our examination. Some birds may even experience sudden death. There is no way of predicting the response of any bird in advance to our handling, but it must be done in order to complete a health examination. We simply want to make you aware of this risk.

I understand the risks involved in the veterinary physical examination of my bird and consent to this examination.

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Signature of Client or Authorized Agent

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Date

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Signature of Employee Witness

Pet's name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_