

Recommendations for Boarding Your Bird

We all need to take vacations now and then but it's sometimes difficult to know what to do with your feathered family member when you go. As you may know, birds hide their symptoms of illness and it can be difficult for those unfamiliar with them to detect illness. Also, birds carry many diseases which are easily transmissible so it's important not to leave your healthy bird where he/she might be exposed to sick birds. We therefore do not recommend boarding your bird with people who are not accustomed to birds, or in places where your bird may be exposed to any number of diseases. We feel the best alternative is to board your birds at a place that requires that they all have blood work, cultures, and an examination by an avian veterinarian prior to boarding. The following places are recommended by us and require this testing:

Wings'N'Things-Jill Lancaster, LVT (425)778-3849

Charlene's Avian Care-Charlene Lamb (425)485-8127

Denise's Parrot Place-Denise **Mouroux** (206)232-8115.

One of the saddest things we see is a family who comes home from vacation only to find their bird sick and debilitated, please take the time to research any possible caretaker for your bird!