

Snowball Gets Funky

You've seen him rock out, now get to know the dancing bird sensation

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It began with an uploaded video on YouTube.com, and it exploded into a world-wide phenomenon. Snowball, an 11-year-old medium sulphur-crested Eleanora cockatoo, has made appearances on the "Late Show With David Letterman," "Animal Planet," "BBC International" and has had video crews come out from Japan to film his dancing antics.

The Dance

Irena Schulz, founder and president of Bird Lovers Only Rescue Service, Inc, said that when Snowball was relinquished to her in August 2007 due to aggression issues, the gentleman who brought him left a CD and told them to play a specific track. And as soon as Snowball heard the Backstreet Boys' tune "Everybody," he began to dance.

BT: Does he prefer a specific genre or band?

Schulz: We have discovered that he likes a beat. It's a four beat, even rhythm. Most of the tunes that have that beat are the rock tunes, and he prefers the '80's music.

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