

Taming Vs. Training Quiz

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In the September 2009 issue of BIRD TALK, you learned the difference between taming and training. Now take our quiz to find out what taming and training is all about.

1. The taming process should:
 - a. teach the bird that you are the “alpha” flock leader, and the bird must do what you say or face the consequences.
 - b. train your bird to sit quietly its cage.
 - c. show your bird that you are not a threat but instead a positive part of its life.
 - d. entail holding your bird until it stops squirming and stays on your finger without trying to get away.
2. If your bird demonstrates fearful body language, such as retreating to the back of the cage or slicking down its feathers and opening its beak when you approach it , what should you do?
 - a. show the bird that you’re not afraid of it by cupping it in your hands and removing it from the cage.
 - b. bang on a pan to startle your bird so you can “rescue it”
 - c. cover the bird’s cage for the rest of the day so it can relax.
 - d. back off to show your bird that you respect what its body language is telling you.
3. What is a good length of time for a taming session?
 - a. five or 10 minutes
 - b. four hours
 - c. every two hours for the first two days
 - d. an all-day session with two half-hour breaks worked in
4. Training differs from taming in that it:
 - a. teaches the bird specific cues, such as going into a travel carrier when asked
 - b. always involves props, such as dunking a basketball or roller skating
 - c. never involves treat rewards
 - d. can involve with holding all food until the bird performs the requested cue,
5. Taming is a form of training.
True
False

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