

Bird Term Of The Day: Weaned

Definitions of words used by pet bird enthusiasts with the pet bird slant.

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A hungry unweaned baby parrot, such as this black-headed caique, will often make a soft begging sound, fluff up its feathers and flick its wings. It's a baby parrot's way of saying, "Feed me!"

Weaned: (verb) When a baby bird eats on its own without help from its parents or from a person hand-feeding it. As a practice, a baby bird should not be adopted out as a pet until it is weaned, unless the adopter knows how to hand-feed. Hand feeding should only be done by professionals, or by someone who has been trained by a professional.

Watch this video of a young blue-and-gold macaw being hand-fed.

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