

RE: Sun conures



From <info@ceah.co.za>
To 'Monkey Town' <pro@monkeys.co.za>
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Hi Melissa and Yvette,

I had a look at the sun conures today. All 3 of them seems clinically healthy. The feather loss is not normal molting, but definitely plucking behaviour. I tested them for the normal culprits that can cause plucking in these areas(giardia,crop infection), and everything were negative.

If this is a seasonal occurrence, it is most likely hormonal plucking, and it might most likely subside when their hormone levels reduce. The one conure that is missing feathers on his head is most likely being plucked by a aviary mate. I dispensed a Vitamin that can be mixed in their drinking water to give them a little boost, but otherwise I don't feel that we need to do any other treatment. They are clinically otherwise completely healthy little birds.

Let me know if you need anything else!

Dr Jackie Sharp

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From: Monkey Town <pro@monkeys.co.za>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 3:49 PM
To: info@ceah.co.za
Subject: Sun conures

Good day CEAH Team

Trust your team is well today?

Monkey Town had a standard visit from the SPCA yesterday (thank you Nikki for your assistance yesterday with the document that had to be completed and signed!) and the only issue they had in our park was with our Sun Conures who are losing their feathers around their necks.

Kindly find attached hereto photos of the 3 Sun Conures.

The is an annual occurrence with them and I always suspected that it is normal molting as it always happens in summer and after a month or so their feathers are all back.

I did not accompany the SPCA on their walk through Monkey Town so I could not point this out. The inspector just made a note and asked that we provide them with feedback as to what the problem with their feathers are and what the plan forward is regarding their feather loss.

Can one of the veterinarians please have a look at the photos and confirm if this is normal molting? Or do you suggest we bring them in to have a look at their feather loss?

Looking forward to your feedback.

It would be great if it is normal molting that it can be put in a CEAH letterhead that we can forward it to the SPCA.

Thank you very much!

Kind regards
Melissa