

From time to time TGF receives questions about its policy toward euthanasia and we would like to take the opportunity to address this concern.

TGF's policy regarding euthanasia for any bird is determined by medical need only based on the recommendation of our veterinarians. Reasons for euthanasia might be severe trauma with no chance of recovery, chronic disease that involves suffering, or a diminished state of the bird's health so as to prevent any quality of life. TGF has never nor will it ever euthanize a bird for any other reason. Every bird that has either passed away or has been euthanized undergoes a full necropsy with laboratory pathology testing. We owe this to every bird that comes under our care.

As an example, one of the Red Lories that came to us on Feb. 18 had severe complications from Iron Storage disease. We had her hospitalized repeatedly to try to bring her back to a viable state. Finally, 10 days ago, she went into intensive care again, and 7 days later, our veterinarian told us that supportive care and treatment was not effective and that the best decision would be to help her pass on. No one wanted to see this valiant little bird suffer needlessly so we agreed. We are awaiting final results from our veterinarian.

Our policy at TGF has been always to provide for the long term welfare of each and every bird that comes into our Aviary and Adoption Center - and that is why we have such a lengthy waiting list. Birds can only come in to quarantine when there is space available for them after quarantine to go into the species rooms. Available space is a result of adoption, return to their family in the case of long term foster, or if a bird has passed away.

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