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POLYOMA VIRUS INFECTION
is
PREVENTABLE

Polyoma Virus is a DNA virus that attacks the liver, kidney, and blood vessels of birds that are infected. Young parrots often die from exposure. Adult birds can be carriers and often show no symptoms. The virus can be transmitted to your bird on feather dander, feces, and oral cavity secretions from carrier birds.

There are **no known treatment** regimens for Polyoma virus. **Fatality** rates among un-weaned baby psittacines may reach **80%**.

Prevention is the key to preventing losses from Polyoma Virus infections.

Vaccination schedules are as follows:

Baby Birds- 3 weeks, 5 weeks, and 7 weeks of age

Or

5 weeks and 7 weeks of age

Adult Birds- Initial, booster 2-4 weeks later

WE RECOMMEND YEARLY VACCINATION OF ALL PSITTACINES!!!!

We strongly recommend annual health examinations on all exotics!

