

# Madison Avenue Veterinary Clinic

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## Feather Picking and Questionnaire

What times of the day does feather picking and self-mutilation occur? Check the floor of the cage for evidence of feather picking first thing in the morning, before leaving the house, or returning home, and before going to bed.

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Document the location (in the home) where the bird picks or self-mutilates.

Does the behavior occur when the bird is locked in the cage? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the behavior occur in owners' presence or when bird is alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the behavior occur while other pets are present? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the behavior occur during or in relation to the presence of strangers in the birds environment? \_\_\_\_\_

Determine the height of the perch in the cage and all other locations where the bird perches.

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Does the bird show aggression (striking with beak or biting) when being removed from the cage or any other location? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the behavior associated with loud noises or a changing tumultuous environment? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you noticed any other extreme behaviors (screaming, star gazing, aggression, or floor scratching)? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the activities that the bird enjoys when it is alone (chewing on toys, shredding paper, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any comments that you believe may be contributing to the feather picking and self-mutilation behaviors.

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