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, but can pass the virus on to other birds. The virus can be transmitted to your bird on feather dander, feces, and saliva from carrier birds.

We still see cases of this disease every year, and 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, then annually
Or
5 weeks and 7 weeks of age, then annually

**Adult Birds**- Initial vaccine, booster 2-4 weeks later, than annually

**WE RECOMMEND YEARLY VACCINATION OF ALL PSITTACINES**

Polyoma Virus Vaccination is REQUIRED to board with us

We strongly recommend annual health examinations and routine blood work on all exotics!