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Angel Sponsorship Update - Paco By Petr Kosina



[Editor's note: Our most medically needy birds are put on a list [here](#), awaiting sponsors for their health costs. Paco is one of these birds; this article is an update on his health status and quality of life.] Paco, a red-lored amazon, is now about 45 or 46 years old and is almost completely blind. He has some chronic health issues - an enlarged heart and advanced arthritis - but otherwise is in stable condition. He gets his medicine twice a day on a graham cracker and has a special cage arrangement so that he can move around safely. Despite his limited vision, he likes to explore the corners of the room and the space under the cage. He also likes to sit on his cage door in the evening and whistle his own melodies on full volume!

He doesn't seek the company of other birds and gets territorial when they land on his cage, but he does love to get scratches on his head and neck. Since his mobility is limited, his foster dad has to regularly help preen his pin feathers. Paco is not very adventurous when it comes to new foods and prefers his regular meals (chopped veggies mixed with some seeds) for breakfast and pellets in the evening. Occasionally, he will try seasonal fruits like pomegranate or persimmon.

Paco's annual vet costs are ~\$600. This sum includes medicine for his heart and arthritis and an annual checkup (required to refill his prescriptions). We are always thankful for the continued support of our Angel Bird Sponsors to help keep birds like Paco living his best quality of life.

[Editor: to donate toward Paco's ongoing medical costs, send checks to Mickaboo, PO Box 697, San Jose, CA 95106, or donate [online](#).]

