



# THE BIRD CLINIC VETERINARY CORPORATION

## HOW TO MAKE AN AVIAN HOSPITAL BOX

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep Bird Confined Until: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplies: Cardboard Box, Duct Tape (the plastic type/not fiber), Plexiglass square (12" x 12") with protective covering removed, Wooden dowel perch, Food and water dishes.

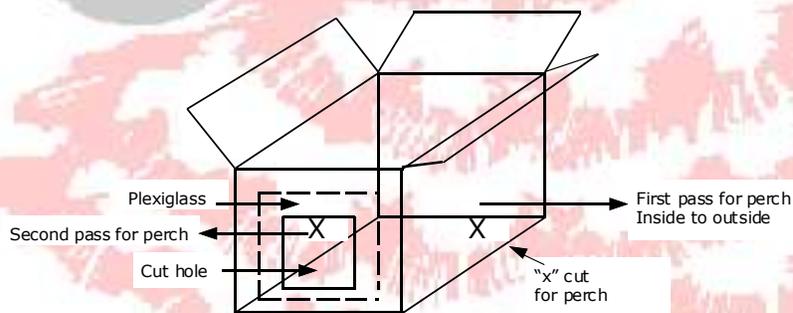
Purchase a cardboard box 16" high or taller including the flaps. The width and depth should measure enough to allow the bird to move freely (four times the bird's surface area plus room for food and water dishes; i.e. 14" x 24" or 24" x 24").

Once the box is constructed, cut a square 11" x 11" in one side of the shortest width or depth. For example, if it is a 14" x 24" box use the 14" side. Place plexiglass inside the box and secure it to opening with duct tape on all four edges. Make sure it is low enough for the bird to see out of the box.

Next, cut two "X"s in each of the longer faces approximately centered and 1 – 1 ½ inches from the box's floor. Take wooden dowel. Start from the inside of the box and press the dowel through the "X" on the box's right face towards the outside of the box. Then re-drive the dowel, from the inside to the outside, through the "X" on the left face of the box.

If done correctly, the perch will be held in place with each of four "Δ" flanges at the outside holding the perch in place. Secure the perch by taping the cardboard "Δ" flanges to the perch surface.

### Diagram of a completed box:



Special Instructions:

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