

Modena Tidbits

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By now the breeding season is in full swing and the excitement and enthusiasm is real high for banding that next champion. In other parts of the world your show season has begun and that excitement only waits for the rest of us.

Here in the USA I always like the breeding season and wondering if I made the right choices for my breeders. When the young ones are screaming for food and the older youngsters starting to look like show prospects this is the best part of the hobby I enjoy the most.

At this time of the season make sure to keep watch on the breeders and keep them in top condition. Giving them there vitamins three times a week along with the lugols iodine and their calcium gluconate will ensure your breeders are kept in top condition.

It's at this time of the year where you may need to help a youngster that needs a boost. If you have a youngster that is smaller then its nest mate take a 35cc syringe and some small tubing you can get at a feed store. Mix Kaytee Exact in a glass and fill the syringe up to the 35cc mark. All you need to do is take the bird and face him too you and insert the tube down on the left side. You can see the tube going down into his crop. Just squirt the food down and that is all there is too it. By doing this it will take 3-4 days and the youngster will have caught up in size to his nest mate. I have saved a lot of youngsters with doing this method. This works good when you don't have any pairs you can put him under.

That's all I have for this quarterly so please email at dcooke@mchsi.com if you have any questions or just want to chat.