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GREAT GREEN MACAWS

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New and Improved Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula is Best Ever
Tried-and-True Baby Parrot Food Now Made in Canada

MONTREAL, Canada – April 18, 2012 – Parrot breeders all over the world trust Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula for providing their precious baby birds with all the essential nutrients necessary for excellent growth and brilliant plumage.

A long-time favourite among aviculturists, the baby food is a result of industry-leading research and development at Hagen Avicultural Research Institute (HARI), the world-renowned avian research arm of Rolf C. Hagen Inc.

“We are very proud of Tropicana’s outstanding 25-year tradition of raising thousands of parrots over several generations at HARI. At a time when most bird food companies have shut their research centres, HARI continues its ongoing work on the research and development of advanced bird nutrition. In fact, it’s the longest-standing research facility dedicated to studying the care and breeding of parrots,” said Mark Hagen, M.Ag., Research Director at HARI.

Today, HARI proudly announced the launch of new and improved Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula, which is now made in Canada at Hagen Industries in Montreal.

With new and Improved Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula, breeders and their baby parrots will enjoy many major benefits.

For starters, it’s so much easier to mix and it quickly blends in seamlessly to create a smooth and consistent clump-free mash. This makes preparation quick and easy, improves feeding, and enhances digestion.

“Tropicana’s advanced hand-feeding formula continues to deliver all the nutritional potency that has made it a leading food for baby parrots around the world. It’s an excellent peanut-derived source of fat and protein as well as a source of 8 essential grains that complement amino acid profiles, all critical to the proper growth and well-being of parrot chicks from hatch through the fledgling ages,” said Joeose Bermingham A.H.T., HARI facility manager.

Ingredients for the new and improved mash are sourced locally, which means consumers get fresher food faster. In addition, the fact that it’s now made in close geographical proximity to HARI, located in nearby Rigaud, means quicker turnaround times for final HARI quality assurance approvals and enhanced freshness-to-market efficiencies.

As with all HARI-approved bird food, Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula undergoes rigorous 3-stage testing, which is unprecedented among bird food makers. Two onsite tests at Hagen Industries and final batch testing at HARI ensure that consumers get safe, dependable and top quality bird food for their treasured feathered friends.

Praise From U.S. Breeders

Hagen has done it again. The new formula is smooth and very easy to mix. Since most of our babies are incubator hatched, we feed all of them—from quakers to hyacinths—from day one hatching. We see a faster growth rate in the small chicks. We contribute this to the fact that we can feed thicker food earlier due to Tropicana’s new smoother texture. In over 30 years of professional breeding we find Tropicana products to be superior. We have used Tropicana exclusively for the last 17 years with fantastic results.

Sheila Richard, Nursery Manager and Owner, Royal Bird Company, Lincoln, North Carolina

I have been raising parrots since 1996, and I have never said “I love this hand-feeding formula”. Well, I can say it now! “I love the Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula!” A breeder who saw one of my weaned Brown-Headed Parrots go on and on about the sheen and luster of his perfect feathering. Overall, I am very pleased with Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula. Good consistency, weight gains, satisfied chicks, and the feathering is excellent! Thank you HARI.

Jean Pattison, African Queen Aviaries, Lakeland, Florida

List of ingredients for New & Improved Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula.

Ground corn, soybean meal, corn gluten meal, ground wheat, ground brown rice, ground dehulled sunflower seed, ground dehulled peanuts, canola oil (preserved with mixed tocopherols and rosemary extract), dicalcium phosphate, lecithin, calcium carbonate, yeast culture, ground flaxseed, dried beet pulp, dried kelp, oat groats, lysine, yeast extract, methionine, vitamins and minerals (protein 22.6%, fat 11.5%).

8-week old Green-Winged Macaws are healthy and strong thanks to steady diet of Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula.

New & Improved Hagen Tropicana Mash Hand-Feeding Formula is available in 1 kg (2.2 lb) and 5 kg (11 lb) air barrier bags with Best Before (B.B.) Dates on or after December 2012.

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The Most Trusted Hand Feeding Formula NOW comes in High Fat

- **exact** High Fat formula is designed to nurture baby birds through the most critical stage for optimal growth and development.
- **exact** is the only hand feeding formula on the market with DHA Omega-3 for critical development of neonates.
- **exact** includes ground sunflowers and peanuts, both rich in protein and fat, like parents would feed.

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