



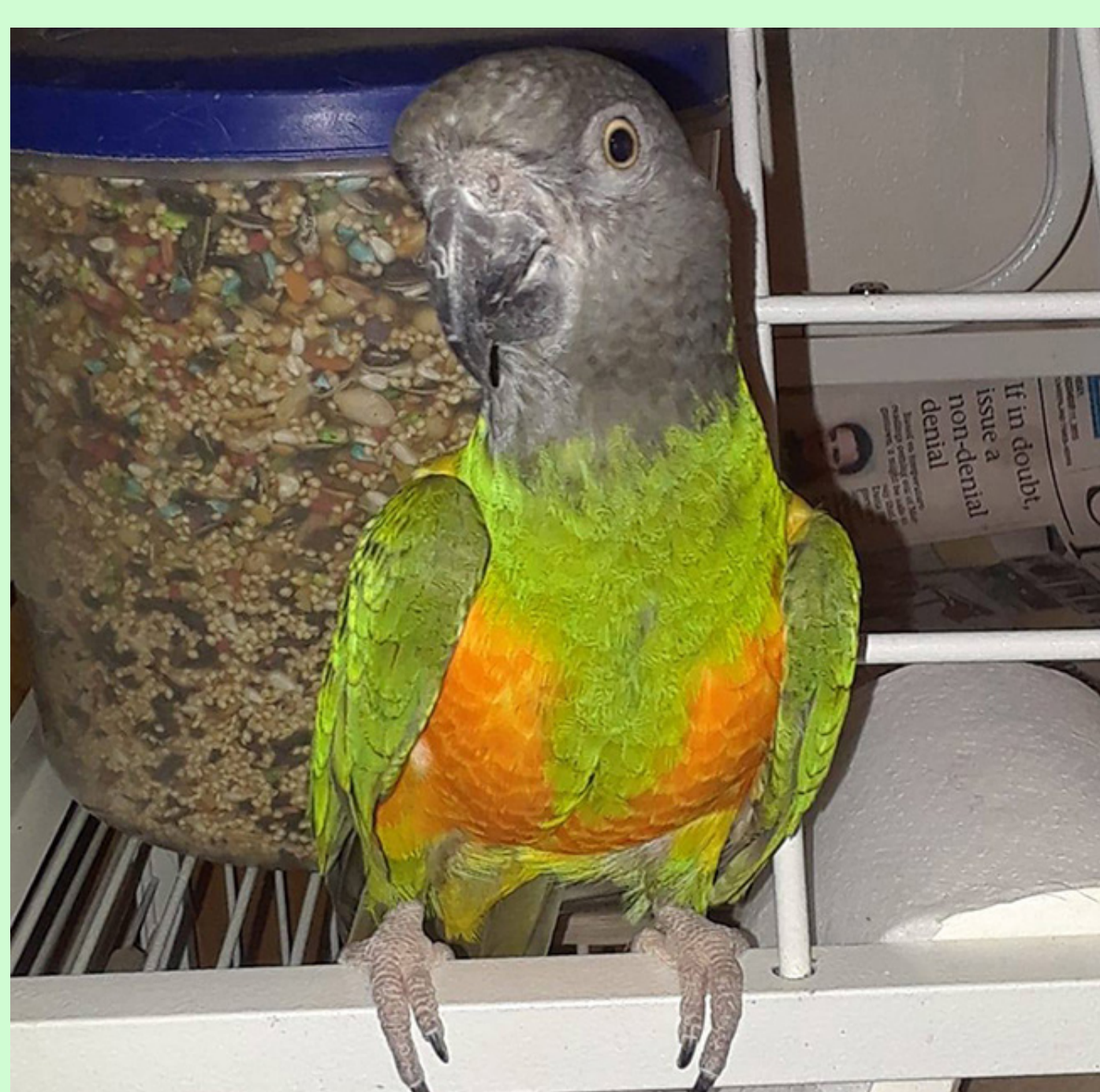
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2019 Leadership Award Winner

The Heart of the Earth Sanctuary and Rescue, Inc.



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About The Heart of the Earth Sanctuary and Rescue, Inc.

The Heart of the Earth Sanctuary and Rescue is a non-profit animal welfare organization located in Cumberland, Maryland. It provides shelter and veterinary treatment for abandoned and unwanted animals and works with other animal shelters to promote their adoption.

Achievements

Waste Reduction: Trash output has been reduced by at least five garbage bags per month through a number of practices, saving nearly \$100 a month. These practices include using recycled newspaper and pine-based litter instead of clay-based litter, and using discarded newspapers instead of plastic store-bought pads for crate liners. The organization also uses salvaged building materials at its property.

Sustainable Gardening and Composting: Vegetables are grown onsite to feed the animals as well as the people caring for them. They also grow their own loofah sponges from the Luffa Gourd plant and use them for cleaning purposes. Food scraps are composted and the heat generated helps to warm the greenhouse.

Energy Efficiency: LED lighting, motion sensor lights, and careful monitoring of thermostat settings are used to reduce energy.

Green Cleaning: Chemical usage has been reduced by 95% through non-toxic cleaning solutions such as white vinegar and baking soda. Rainwater runoff is used for both cleaning and watering plants.

The Maryland Green Registry Leadership Awards recognize organizations that have shown a strong commitment to the implementation of sustainable practices, the demonstration of measurable results, and the continual improvement of environmental performance.