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     "Margaret and Fritz are moving pretty slowly these days," noted Nutmeg.
     "They do seem relaxed, not tearing around as usual," added Rhetta.
     Ginger, who knows everything, explained, "Last year was extremely busy with the trip to Arizona, two Open Houses, many visits to libraries and nursing homes, and lots of visitors here. That's what the constant commotion was all about.  Now they are hibernating."
     "I think I like it quiet like this," mused Rhetta. "Though it is fun in the summer with all the visitors. I heard them say, 'That's Maine in the winter – dark, cold, and cozy.' "
     "When do things ramp up again?" asked Nutmeg.
     "In April."  Now Ginger was really in her element. "There's an Open House on the 18th, a visit to the Pittsfield library on the 22nd, and another event possibly."
     "I guess it will all start again with a bang!" groused Nutmeg.
     "Oh, stop fussing," Ginger snapped. "You know we love all that excitement and the chance to show off!"
     They all muttered their agreement and then burst into cockatoo exuberance- screeching, salmon combs arched high, running, flying, swinging upside down up, just practicing all their antics for April's events.  It was quite a scene.