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For the Love of Birds

Sanctuary and Rescue Services

Bird Adoption Application for 'For the Love of Birds Sanctuary and Rescue Services'

Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

*best number to reach you at.

Additional contact details?

Are you applying to:

Foster Adopt

Do you have enough time to dedicate to a parrot? Can your job role have an impact on your birds care? E.g. Long hours or on call work?

*It is recommended that parrots have at least four hours out of their cage every day.

What species of bird are you applying to adopt?

*Please provide the parrot's name/species.

Does anyone in the household smoke? This includes all forms of smoking (including E-Cigarettes/vaping).

yes no

If smokers, does anyone smoke in the house? This includes all forms of smoking (including E-Cigarettes/vaping).

yes no

Do you use Teflon coated cookware?

yes no

Are air fresheners, scented candles or perfumes used in the household?

yes no

Is the bird for someone specific in your household?

yes no

Will an adult be the primary caretaker of the bird?

yes no

Will your bird be bathed regularly?

yes no

*Birds enjoy a shallow bowl of clean water large enough to get into so they can bathe at their disposal at all times.

Please explain briefly why you would like to adopt a bird.

Do you have you experience with bird care and have you had birds in the past?

yes no

What experience have you had with birds?

Do you understand that birds need a lot of attention and care and that behavior modification can take years of patience?

yes no

Are you prepared to put in the effort to keep the cage clean, the food and water fresh and to work with the bird consistently and patiently on a daily basis to build a relationship of trust and companionship?

yes no

Do you know that birds are capable of biting hard, screaming and destroying property and they tend to be very messy in terms of droppings and food and water splattering?

yes no

Do you feel that you are financially able to provide for a birds needs in terms of veterinary costs, food, water, housing, toys etc?

yes no

Are you aware that:

- Birds require a great deal of attention and maintenance.
- Are very expensive to feed, keep healthy, and keep entertained.
- Can be destructive. Can be loud and cause audio disturbances that neighbors may complain about.
- Birds respiratory systems are very sensitive to perfumes, air freshers, scented candles, vape and cigarette smoke.
- Birds enjoy a shallow bowl of clean water large enough to get into so they can bathe at their disposal at all times.
- Birds are very social and are happiest when with one or more of their same species especially when having to be left alone in a cage for many hours.
- Birds need fresh bird safe, pesticide free veggies, fruits and other garden lettuces like arugula, spinach and kale, introduced at least 3 times a week to their regular diet and they enjoy millet at least 3 times a week.
- Birds, like exotic reptiles, should not be given fluoridated water at any time. Reverse Osmosis water, distilled water or well water is the only water they should be given. City fluoridated water, should not be given to exotic birds. You can get reverse osmosis or twice distilled at you local health food store for under a dollar per gallon. Regular filters do not remove fluoride.
- Birds suffer greatly when left alone in a cage without having other social interactions and the ability to be with and have a flock of their own including other birds and you as their flock. When away from their flock (you or other birds) birds can experience anxiety as in the wild instinctively they're safe in a flock and are with their flock 100% of the time.
- Pellets are not a healthy diet for birds. There are Dr.s that specialize in Avian nutrition coming out stating pellets are not a healthy diet for birds and should not be given as the primary source of food if given at all. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Dr.+Crean
- Birds love size-appropriate toys that they can shred. Hard blocks for large parrots and softer shreddables for smaller beaked birds. Birds should always have a toy with them at all time that is bird safe (no fabric), that they they can play and interact with. If you have a toy that hasn't been destroyed then it could be it is the wrong type toy for their

size beak. (I do provide 3 toys to go home with your bird to get you started and can provide further toys if you order.)

- When leaving your bird you must give them things to occupy their time. Toys and other same species birds in with them, in the absolutely largest cage you can get, with bathing water bowl, and food. Long term absences someone will need to care daily for your birds. Most birds that are cockatiels size or larger need to get out of their cage for at least several hours every day for physical and mental health.
- Birds need sunlight. Placing the cage nearest a window is the best place for a bird cage. Birds need to get outside and rolling your cage out on the patio every day or a few times a week, when the weather is suitable for a couple hours at minimum, is a great way to get that sunlight. You will need a full-spectrum light or good UV light (that won't damage their eyes and skin) for them when indoors. If you use a UVB light research damages using it for too long can cause your birds.
- Birds need protection from things that can injure or harm them in the household. Cover things that they can chew, cover vents they could fall into, houseplants that can poison them and put decals on windows that they could fly into and keep other pets separated when having your birds out to fly and play are some ideas how to protect them.

Are you aware of these bullet points above and can you provide this kind of care for your bird?

yes no

How many hours a day will the bird be left alone?

Do you have other birds in your home currently?

yes no

How many other pets including birds, do you have and types? (exclude farm animals if on a farm.)

Are you aware that other bird species can be more aggressive than a cockatiel or smaller bird breed and can bully or bite and injure your bird at a seconds notice if they're kept together or unsupervised?

yes no

Are you aware that soft fabric toys can get stuck in the crop of birds and cause many nutritional issues and even death if the bird eats them?

yes no

*Keep an eye on all new toys and if your bird is ingesting any unsafe parts of the toy. Example is foam, plastic or fabric parts. If they are, do not give them that toy again.

What size/type of cage/housing will you provide for the bird?

*The larger the better.

Do you own your own home?

yes no

If the answer to above is no, are you able to get permission from your landlord allowing pets?

What do you intend to feed your birds?

*Parrots require more nutrition than simply seed mixes. Shops can often sell products which are misleading by using phrases such as "complete seed mix". Parrots require additional fruits and vegetables in order to thrive.

Are there children under the age of 16 in the house?

yes no

*Parrots can bite and pose a significant threat to animals and children.

Do you have other animals in the house?

yes no

*Larger animals can pose a threat to a birds or parrot.

If yes, then please specify the species and breed.

I understand that birds adopted or fostered must not be used for breeding purposes and will adhere to that?

yes no

Under any circumstances that it did not work out with this bird, will you guarantee to return the bird to For the Love of Birds Sanctuary and Rescue Services?

yes no

Any additional information you'd like to add?

Once you are satisfied that the form is complete, use the instructions at the top of the page.

We aim to respond within 10 working days but please appreciate that our rescue/sanctuary is run solely by volunteer work which give their time to do this around their own full-time jobs and obligations, and so during particularly busy periods we may take a little longer.

We will never disclose, or share, any of this personal information supplied by you with any third party organization. All information you provide is kept private in a secured location and your private information is never shared with anyone else. Your private information is kept 100% private. All information is for the sole purpose of finding the right homes for the birds. All information is disposed of within 90 days of application.

Today's Date: _____Month_____Day_____Year

Signature:

Would you like further information on our work here at For the Love of Birds Sanctuary and Rescue Services, sent to your e-mail?

yes no

Thank you for considering helping one of these birds to find their flock and supporting the rescue so more birds can have a better life, living it to the fullest possible level we can provide. Every penny goes right back into providing for the birds at the aviary/rescue and helps others have a better life too.