

PARROT OUTREACH SOCIETY

Adoption Application

Exotic bird ownership is a serious responsibility and the adoption of an unwanted or rescued bird can introduce a myriad of additional factors which need to be considered. The Parrot Outreach Society wants to be certain you understand what you're in for before you make the decision to adopt a bird. We also want to be certain we know enough about you to feel confident we're placing the bird into a satisfactory environment. Thank you for your interest in adopting a bird from us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please answer all of the questions below and use additional sheets or the back of this form if you need more space. Please write "N/A" if a question isn't applicable to you or your situation. All questions must be answered for the application to be processed.

1) Do you subscribe to any avian related publications? [] Yes [] No

If yes, which one(s)? _____

2) Your occupation: _____

3) Spouse/SIG's occupation: _____

4) Do all adults in your household know you plan to adopt a bird? [] Yes [] No

5) Are there any children in the household? [] Yes [] No

If yes, list gender and ages: _____

If no, are you planning to have children? [] Yes [] No

6) Does anyone in the household object to adopting a bird? [] Yes [] No

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7) Are there any other pets (not birds) in the household? Yes No

If yes, list quantity, species, and ages: _____

8) Are you planning to purchase or adopt any other pets? Yes No

If yes, what species? _____

9) Type of home: House Apartment Condo Other: _____

10) Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

11) Do you have your landlord's, homeowners, or condo association's written permission to keep exotic birds? Yes No N/A

12) If you or someone else in the household is a smoker, will be you able to provide a smoke-free environment for the bird? Yes No

N/A (no smokers in the household) If yes, how? _____

13) Does anyone in the household have asthma or allergies, COPD, emphysema Yes No

14) Do you or anyone else in the household have previous experience with exotic birds? Yes No If yes, who and how many years with which species?

15) Are there any pet birds already in the household? Yes No

If yes, please list quantity, species, and how long you've had them: _____

16) Have you owned pets (birds or others) in the past that you no longer have?

Yes No If yes, please list (on the back of this form or on a separate piece of paper) what species, how long you had them, and why they're no longer with you (if they died, list cause of death).

17) Have you ever bred birds? Yes No If yes, what species of birds?

18) Do you currently have or know of an avian vet? Yes No

If yes, vet's name, location, and phone #: _____

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- 19) If you already have birds, have they been vet checked for infectious disease? [] Yes [] No [] N/A If yes, are they all healthy? [] Yes [] No [] N/A
- 20) If you already have birds, what do you feed your bird(s)? Check all that apply: [] Seeds [] Pellets [] Fresh Vegetables [] Fresh Fruits [] Pasta [] Treat Sticks [] N/A [] Other:_____
- 21) Do you feel qualified to work with special needs birds (i.e. – physical defect or psychological problems)? [] Yes [] No If yes, explain qualifications:

- 22) What would you do if your bird came to you with or developed bad habits?

- 23) Do you feel you're financially able to provide for a bird's needs in terms of veterinarian costs, food, housing, toys, etc? [] Yes [] No
- 24) How much would you budget annually to care for this bird? \$_____
- 25) Are you willing to keep your home at a temperature that suits the needs of your bird whether or not you're at home? [] Yes [] No
- 26) Are you aware of the fact that exotic birds can carry diseases which could be transmitted to humans? [] Yes [] No
- 27) Do you know that exotic birds are capable of biting, screaming, and destroying property, and that they tend to be very messy in terms of droppings and food splattering? [] Yes [] No
- 28) Do you know that exotic birds NEED a lot of attention and care and that behavioral modification can take years of patience to achieve? [] Yes [] No
- 29) 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
- 30) What species are you interested in adopting? _____
_____ Why? _____

- 31) Why are you interested in adopting rather than purchasing a companion bird?

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32) Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the bird? Moving
 new job new baby divorce, separation allergy other pets
 other _____

33) Have you done any prior research on exotic bird species, care, and behavior?
 Yes No If yes, explain: _____

If no, are you willing to do the research prior to the adoption? Yes No

34) Do you need education in proper avian care? Yes No

If no, what resources are available to you? _____

35) Do you have a suitable cage available for the new bird? Yes No

36) Where do you plan to locate the bird's cage? _____

37) Who will be the primary caregiver for the bird? _____

38) How much time will you or the primary caregiver have available to spend with
the bird on a daily basis? _____

39) How many hours per weekday will the bird spend alone (without human
companionship) in your home? _____ Weekends? _____

40) How much daily "out of cage" time do you expect to be able to provide for the
bird for exercise and interaction? _____

41) Who would care for your bird(s) if you went on vacation or fell ill? _____

42) Would you object to an inspection of your home, before and after the adoption,
by a member of the Parrot Outreach Rescue Team? Yes No

43) If no, are you willing to pay the \$10 home visit fee? Yes No

44) Do you have any plans to relocate out of the United States or out of the state of
Florida? Yes No

45) How did you hear about us? _____

46) What would you expect from a parrot? _____

47) Do you travel frequently? Yes No

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If there is anything else you would like to say regarding your desire or qualifications to adopt a bird, please write about it on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper.

We do ask a formal adoption donation, which varies according to species and condition, (and is lower than the fees requested in larger cities), to help us offset the costs of helping birds in need. Money orders or cashiers check should be made payable to PARROT OUTREACH SOCIETY and the memo should read RESCUE. We do NOT accept personal checks. Donations are non-refundable.

Completion of this application does not guarantee you will qualify to adopt a bird. **A criminal background check will be done.** Prior to adoption, one or more members of the Parrot Society Rescue Team will visit your home to be sure you will be able to provide a healthy and safe environment for the bird. **There is a \$10 non-refundable fee for the visit. Anyone attempting to acquire birds for persons having lost pets to any County Animal Control or FFWC will be reported to the authorities.** An Adoption Contract must be signed prior to the bird leaving our possession.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____