

PARROT OUTREACH SOCIETY
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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. Parrot Outreach Society wants to be certain you understand what you're committing to 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. Please make sure that you complete the application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Thank you for your interest in adopting a bird from us!

Name _____
Spouses Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home # _____ Cell # _____
Work # _____ Fax # _____
Email _____

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.

Section A:

- 1.) Your Occupation: _____
(Circle one) Full Time Part Time Retired Volunteer
- 2.) Spouses/SIGs Occupation: _____
(Circle one) Full Time Part Time Retired Volunteer
- 3.) Type of Home: _____
(Circle one) House Condo Apartment Attached Mobile
- 4.) Do you own or rent? _____
- 5.) Do you have written permission from your Landlord, Homeowner or Condo Association to keep exotic birds? (Circle one) YES NO N/A
If yes, please attach a letter from your Landlord, HOA or COA
- 6.) Are you over the age of 21? YES NO
- 7.) Do all the adults in your home know you are applying to adopt a bird? YES NO
- 8.) Please list the names and ages of your household

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57.) What would you do if your bird developed bad habits while in your care? _____

58.) How would you correct these bad habits? _____

60.) Do you feel you are financially able to provide for a bird/parrot's needs in terms of veterinarian costs, food, housing, toys, grooming, etc.? YES NO

61.) How much would you budget annually to care for this bird/parrot? _____

62.) 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

63.) If yes, what temperature range? _____

64.) Are you aware of the fact that exotic birds can carry diseases which could be transmitted to humans? YES NO

65.) Are you aware that there is no such thing as a quiet parrot? YES NO

66.) Are you aware that there is no such thing as a parrot that does not bite? YES NO

67.) Are you aware that exotic birds are capable of destroying property? YES NO

68.) Are you aware that exotic birds are very messy in terms of droppings and food splattering?
YES NO

69.) Do you know that exotic birds NEED and REQUIRE a lot of attention and care? YES NO

70.) Are you aware that behavioral modification can take years of patience and consistency to build a relationship of trust and companionship? YES NO

71.) What species of parrot/bird are you interested in adopting? _____

72.) Why? _____

73.) What is the name of the exotic bird at our facility that you are interested in?

74.) Why are you interested in adopting rather than purchasing a companion bird?

75.) What do you expect from your new companion parrot? _____

76.) Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the bird? (circle all that applies)

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|---------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Moving | New Job | New Baby | Divorce | Separation | New Relationship |
| Allergy | Other Pets | Disability | Bankruptcy | Unemployment | |

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- 95.) Do you have any plans to relocate outside of the US? YES NO
96.) Do you have any plans to relocate out of the state of FL? YES NO
97.) Do you or anyone in your household have a history of abusive behavior? YES NO
98.) If yes, please explain _____
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- 99.) Have you or anyone in your household have been convicted of a felony? YES NO
100.) If yes, please explain _____
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SECTION B

- 1.) You come home after a long day at work and your parrot is screeching because it feels that you have not spent enough time with him/her. Do you:
- a.) take him/her out of the cage
 - b.) throw something at the cage
 - c.) yell at him/her to be quiet
 - d.) wait until s/he calms down and then remove her from the cage
- 2.) You are playing with your new companion parrot when out of the blue s/he bites you hard, possibly drawing blood. Do you:
- a.) scream out in pain
 - b.) start yelling at him/her
 - c.) throw him/her off your arm
 - d.) don't react and put him/her back into the cage
- 3.) You and your companion parrot have been well bonded for several years. You start dating a someone and your companion parrot starts showing aggressive behavior (biting, clawing, screaming/screeching, etc...) towards your new date. What do you do?
- a.) have your new date offer treats to your bird every time she comes to visit
 - b.) have your new date talk soothingly to your bird
 - c.) keep your parrot in it's cage, covered so that s/he never sees your date
 - d.) find your parrot a new home

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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.

Parrot Outreach requires a minimum of three (3) separate one (1) hour bonding sessions with your parrot/bird of choice. During these bonding sessions, you will be removing and putting the parrot/bird to and from the cage; changing the water, food and paper at the bottom of the cage, in addition to playing and interaction with your bird of choice. Please note that this is **REQUIRED** of EACH parrot/bird, **NOT** multiple birds of choice during these three (3) separate one (1) hour sessions.

initial _____

We do ask a formal adoption donation, which varies according to the species and health condition of said bird/parrot, (We provide lower fees than those that are 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.

initial _____

Completion of this application does not guarantee you will be qualified to adopt a bird at our facility. An extensive criminal and back ground check will be done at the time that the adoption application is processed. Prior to adoption, one or more members of the Parrot Outreach 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 the persons having lost pets to any County Animal Control or FFWC will be reported to the authorities.

initial _____

An Adoption Contract must be signed prior to the bird leaving our facility.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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29.) How did you hear about Parrot Outreach Society?

Newspaper News Friend store sign

30.) Why do you want to adopt an exotic bird? (Please explain in detail)

31.) Do you have previous experience with an exotic bird? YES NO

32.) If yes, what species of parrot?

33.) How long did you have this parrot?

34.) If you no longer have this parrot, please explain why in detail.

(if there are more than one parrot/bird, please use the back page to answer 32,33 and 34)

35.) Does anyone in your household have experience with an exotic bird? YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail what that experience is. (How many years, what species of parrot/bird, etc.)

36.) Are there any pet birds already in the household? YES NO

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

38.) Have you owned pets (birds or others) in the past that you no longer have? YES NO

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

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40.) Have you ever bred, sold or brokered birds/parrots? YES NO

41.) If yes, what species of birds/parrots and for how long.

42.) Do you currently have or know of an avian vet? YES NO

43.) If yes, please list the Vet's name, location and phone #

44.) Do you oppose us contacting your avian vet as a reference? YES NO

45.) If you already have birds/parrots, have they been vet checked for infectious diseases? YES NO

46.) If yes, are they all healthy? YES NO

47.) How long ago was this testing performed? _____

48.) If you already have birds, what do you feed your bird/parrot(s)? Circle all that applies

seeds pellets vegetables fruits pasta treat sticks bread

49.) Do you subscribe to any avian related publications? YES NO

50.) if yes, which publications? _____

51.) Are you a member of any avian related online forums? YES NO

52.) If yes, which online forums? _____

53.) Do you feel qualified to work with a special needs bird/parrot (ie:physical defect or psychological problems)? YES NO

54.) If yes, please explain why in great detail. (qualifications, education, experience)

55.) What would you do if your bird came to you with bad habits? _____

56.) How would you correct these bad habits? _____

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77.) Have you done any prior research on exotic bird species, care, and behavior? YES NO

78.) If yes, please explain: _____

79.) If no, are you willing to do the research and education prior to the adoption? YES NO

80.) If yes, are you willing to volunteer at our facility during the education process?

YES NO

81.) If you are willing to volunteer, please circle which days would work for you:

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

82.) If you do not require education in proper avian care, what resources are available to you? Please list and explain:

83.) Do you have a suitable cage available for the new bird? YES NO

84.) If yes, please provide dimensions: _____

85.) Where do you plan on locating the cage? _____

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

87.) How many hours will the bird spend alone in it's cage without human interaction?

weekdays _____

weekends _____

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

weekdays _____

weekends _____

89.) Who would care for your birds if you went on vacation or fell ill?

90.) Are you aware that an exotic birds life span can supersede a humans? YES NO

91.) Would you be prepared to will your new companion parrot to a family member or friend to ensure s/he is cared for after your death? YES NO

92.) Would you object to an inspection of your home, before and/or after the adoption by a member of Parrot Outreach Society? YES NO

93.) If no, are you willing to pay the \$10. home visit fee? YES NO

94.) Do you travel frequently? YES NO

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- 4.) Your eating and your companion parrot sees you... s/he starts dancing, singing, talking...etc... begging for some of what you have. You.....
- a.) give it only one small piece
 - b. Give it several pieces every time s/he begs
 - c.) ignore
 - d.) give it a bird friendly treat only once
- 5.) You wake up one morning and notice that your companion parrot's head is drooping and s/he is not acting normal.... You....
- a.) ignore, s/he is probably tired
 - b.) call the vet
 - c.) research the internet/books
 - d.) take her/him out of the cage and examine
- 6.) You come home from work or an outing and find that your companion parrot is out of the cage and has chewed/shredded your favorite wood sculpture, furniture, or drapes.... You....
- a.) scream and punish the parrot
 - b.) chase the parrot around the room
 - c.) a & b
 - d.) try to figure out how the bird got out of it's cage
 - e.) shrug it off because foraging is a parrot's natural instinct
 - f.) d & e
- 7.) You wake up one morning to find that the bottom of your parrot's cage is covered with feathers and your parrot has bare spots and sections of no feathers. What do you do?
- a.) call the vet and have testing done to see if something medical caused it
 - b.) check to see if your bird is stressed
 - c.) check and observe your bird to see if it behavioral
 - d.) all of the above
- 8.) Your companion parrot screams every time your are not within her/his eyesight.... What do you do?
- a.) you cover the parrot's cage
 - b.) scream at it to "shut up" or "be quiet"
 - c.) ignore and not respond to the parrot while it is screaming
 - d.) try and engage your parrot with a toy or treat prior to leaving him/her
 - e.) place your parrot on a perch/playstand in the room you will be in

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