

## CONFIDENTIAL BIRD FOSTER/ADOPTION APPLICATION

Bird ownership is a serious responsibility. The policy of Birdlove Avian Rescue and Sanctuary is to assure that each person who fosters/adopts a bird is aware of this responsibility and that they are morally financially and physically capable of accepting it. More so than with most pets, it is very true that not everyone who wishes to have an exotic bird SHOULD have an exotic bird.

The following application has been designed to aid both you and Birdlove in determining whether you and your family are persons whom we seek for the birds that we will foster/adopt out. Please answer all questions and feel free to explain any answers or add any comments. If a question does not apply, please write 'N/A'.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rent or Own \_\_\_\_\_ Type Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, do you have landlord's consent to house a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Proximity of closest neighbor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner/Roommate(name & relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If relationship changes, who would keep the bird(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business name & address of adopter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business name & address of co-adopter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of work (adopter) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(co-adopter) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your basic weekly schedule....days, evenings, weekends? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours bird will be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Number, ages of children in home \_\_\_\_\_

How much time will the bird spend out of cage each day? (be specific)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many smokers in household \_\_\_\_\_

Number & types of animals in and around the home?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had birds or had any previous experience? which species?

---

---

What kinds of foods would you give to your bird(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

How often will they be fed? \_\_\_\_\_

How often will the water be changed? \_\_\_\_\_

Which species would you prefer to adopt & why? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Are you aware of all the expenses in keeping birds? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you name some? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

Do you subscribe to any avian-related magazines? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which one(s)?

---

---

Would you be willing to subscribe to 'The Pet Bird Quarterly,' the most comprehensive guide for the companion bird keeper? (510) 523-5303 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any avian-related seminars or been involved in a process of self-education to expand your understanding of the avian species? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

What would you expect from a parrot?\_\_\_\_\_

---

What characteristics of a bird are most important to you?\_\_\_\_\_

---

Are all family members in agreement with getting a bird? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, who and why not?

---

Who will be primarily responsible for the bird's care?\_\_\_\_\_

---

Will you be providing your own cage? If so, give manufacturer and exact dimensions including space between bars.

---

Where will the bird's cage be located within the household?\_\_\_\_\_

---

Which species of parrots are you familiar with?\_\_\_\_\_

---

Can you describe any of their characteristics? \_\_\_\_\_

---

Can you give examples of the special needs of parrots regarding food, toys, attention, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will take care of your birds during vacation times? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in adopting companion birds or breeders and why?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be your avian veterinarian? Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you sign a contract authorizing Birdlove to become the bird's caretaker should you become unable to care for him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow Birdlove to monitor the bird's progress for one year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that exotic birds often develop bad habits (destruction of clothing, furniture, woodwork or anything within reach, biting, screaming, dislike of strangers or even your mate, leaving droppings and throwing seeds/food everywhere)? These habits can be difficult or impossible to change as many are natural, intrinsic behaviors of parrots in the wild. Unlike domesticated dogs & cats, parrots are often wild-caught or only one generation from being wild themselves. They can require a tremendous amount of attention and maintenance and they can be expensive to keep fed, healthy, housed and entertained. **YES, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO ENTERTAIN PARROTS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!** Yes / No (comments) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If the bird, does begin to develop a habit of screaming, biting or feather-picking, would you be willing to pay for an avian behaviorist to correct the behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you keep birds now? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how often do they receive vet care? \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you NOT want to keep the bird(s)? Please check all that apply:

Moving \_\_\_\_\_ New baby \_\_\_\_\_ Divorce/separation \_\_\_\_\_ New relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy \_\_\_\_\_ Bird doesn't get along with other family animals \_\_\_\_\_

New job \_\_\_\_\_ Bird doesn't like a family member \_\_\_\_\_ Serious illness \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### YOUR COMPANION ANIMAL HISTORY

List each animal you have kept as an adult, how long you kept it and how the relationship ended:

---

---

Have you ever been charged with and convicted of any type of animal abuse, neglect or abandonment? Yes No

How did you learn about Birdlove? \_\_\_\_\_

---

PLEASE LIST 3 PERSONAL REFERENCES, NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. All applications will be carefully reviewed by our Board of Directors and we will contact you if we have any additional questions. We appreciate your desire to adopt for it helps a needy bird to find a good home and helps reduce breeding and poaching.

Birdlove will assess a fee for each foster/adoptive bird. These fees will vary depending on the species and specific situation. There are many costs involved for Birdlove to successfully operate. Fees and/or donations are used for food, cages, vet costs, toys, telephone, transportation and printing expenses.

Signature of Adopter (and date signed)

---

Signature of Co-adopter (& date signed)

---

Signature of Birdlove Director (& date)

---

Witness & date (if available)

---