

# Avian Placement Application\*

Taking care of a bird is a serious responsibility. This adoption application is designed to help you decide if a bird is right for you, and to ensure that you are properly informed about the needs of captive birds. Before completing this application, please read the provided information. You must be at least 18 years of age to adopt a bird from this shelter. This application is confidential.\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Type of residence? House \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you: Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you rent, do you have the landlord's consent to have a bird? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do all parties in your household know that you are applying to adopt a bird? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you aware that exotic birds may carry diseases that can infect humans? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does anyone in the household have allergies or asthma? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does anyone in the house smoke? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who will be the primary caretaker of the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Who will care for the bird when the primary caretaker is away, either for business or vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Approximately how much time will the responsible person have available to spend with the bird?

Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_ Weekday evenings \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

11. How many hours a day would the bird be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

12. How will you provide daily exercise and entertainment for your bird? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Why are you interested in adopting a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What are the most important characteristics you are looking for in a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What do you feed an exotic bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Do you have any experience in keeping birds? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Would you be willing to attend a class on bird care if available? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

18. Do you know an avian veterinarian? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

19. Would you like us to recommend an avian veterinarian? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

20. Are you aware that exotic birds might have or develop bad habits (destruction of clothing, furniture, drapery, etc; biting; screaming; dislike of strangers or certain household members; leaving droppings everywhere), and that these habits can be difficult to break? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

21. If your bird develops a bad habit what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. Have you made arrangements for your bird(s) in the event of your illness or death? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have completed the above application and have read the provided information. I understand that a staff member will review my application and that the shelter has a right to refuse adoption to any applicant.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Note: Answering yes or no to any of the above questions will not necessarily result in your qualification/disqualification as an adopter.*

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