

For the Birds

Parrot Rescue & Sanctuary

Our Mission is to ... Rescue and rehabilitate abandoned, abused, neglected parrots. Provide quality health care, holistic diet support, and rehabilitation to all birds in our care. Manage owner education and adoption services to prepare both bird and human for the experience and challenges of being in a new flock. Advocate within the Avian community to improve awareness and standards of care. Offer continuing support to bird owners to ensure they are prepared to provide a healthy 'forever home.'



Parrots are naturally and normally loud, destructive, and messy! They require a tremendous amount of time and attention.

To have a successful relationship with your bird, you must learn about the nature of parrots and be willing to make drastic changes in your home and your behavior.

We are here to help, but parrot care is a very big commitment, so please consider how flexible your family is and whether a parrot is truly a good choice.

Consider Fostering...

If you still think you want a parrot we suggest you 'foster' a bird first. Take a two-month foster period to make sure this is a good fit for both you AND the bird. You must **STILL** make all the necessary changes to your home to ensure the bird's safety. If you're not willing to do that then parrot ownership is **NOT** for you.

Adoption and Foster Steps

1. Fill out this form and return it to For the Birds (FTB) Parrot Rescue & Sanctuary.
2. Study the reading material provided to you. Start with the **BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT** file. Then study the **HOW TO CARE FOR A PARROT** file. You will have a session with a FTB volunteer where you will be quizzed on the information associated with bird ownership.
3. FTB reserves the right to perform an home visit to further personalize the match-making process to ensure a prepared owner and great placement from the start.

4. The Adoption Coordinator uses the information in following questionnaire and the home visit to find good candidates for your family and provides you with information and support throughout the process.
5. A parrot is placed with you for a two-month TRIAL period. If you decide to adopt at the end of two months, you sign an adoption contract and pay the associated adoption fee. If you do not, you may continue to foster the bird but it is officially up for adoption and FTB reserves the right to collect the bird at any time and return it to the rescue.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address:
(please PRINT) _____

Date of
Application: _____

Veterinarian Name, Address, Phone Number:

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.

Do you rent or own?

If renting, does the landlord allow pets?

Single family home, apartment or townhouse?

Would noise be an issue with your neighbors?

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.

List family members and their ages.

How do the other family members feel about living with a parrot?

Are there smokers in the household?

Does anyone have allergies that could be a problem?

Name and age of parrot's primary caretaker:

List all other pets (dogs, cats, birds, exotics or other animals) in your home:

Type of parrot (parakeets, cockatiels and lovebirds are also parrots) that most interests you and why?

Has your family owned a parrot before? When and what species.

Do you still own this/these birds? If no, why not.

General Questionnaire:

Please answer all questions so we can determine your level of knowledge. If you don't know an answer, that's okay, we want to understand what training you may need.

What is the best diet for a parrot? Please be specific.

If you have a parrot, when was the last Vet appointment and what was it for?

How often do you plan to take this parrot for regular check-ups with blood work?

If you have other parrots, do you understand the quarantine process and will your household accommodate separation of birds?

Describe the location of the parrot's cage. What room will it be in? Where in the room will the cage be placed?

What will the cage contain (perches, toys)? What other parrots will be in the same room?

Describe how much mobility the parrot will have. Will it leave its cage? Go to other rooms? Eat with the family? Have a play gym?

Our birds may come with cages but may not. Are you willing to purchase a cage that meets our standards for both quality and size?

Provide examples of how parrots are different than other pets, and what you can do to meet these needs?

Caring for a parrot is expensive. Can you name some of the costs?

What is your monthly budget for parrot care (food, toys, vet visits)?

What do you expect from a companion parrot?

Do you intend to breed this parrot?

Would you agree to a home visit from one of our representatives, prior to adoption?

Are you willing to pay an adoption fee? This is the only way that we can sustain our program services. **NOTE:** There is no fee while you are fostering the bird. The fee is paid when the adoption is finalized.

It is very likely that even an adopted parrot will need another home in the future because they live a long time and lives can change unexpectedly. **All parrots remain under the legal guardianship and protection of FTB Parrot Rescue & Sanctuary,** so if an adopted parrot needs a home after yours, you must contact FTB Parrot Rescue & Sanctuary so we can find the parrot's next new home. Do you understand and agree to this?

Include any other information you think is important for us to know in order to process this adoption/foster application:

Thank you!

By signing this application you indicate that you understand the adoption/foster process and agree to comply with the requirements of providing a healthy and safe home for a parrot from FTB Rescue & Sanctuary.

Signature:

Print:

Date: