



Pet Bird Adoption Questionnaire

We appreciate your interest in adopting a pet bird from Animal Services of Richmond, Inc. Birds require different care than dogs, cats, rabbits, or rodents. Because caring for a bird is a serious responsibility and can be more of a challenge than with a cat or a dog, Richmond Wildlife Center has developed this questionnaire to aid us in making the best placement possible for the bird and you. The adoption process will take some time. We want to match each bird up with the right home and we want you to have all the necessary information and support you need for a successful adoption. We thank you for your patience and cooperation through the process. Please be aware of the following: You must be 21 years of age or older to adopt a bird. The adoption process may include a home visit depending on species applying to adopt. You will be required to show what type of cage you will use to house the bird and demonstrate that you are able to adequately care for a bird. We may also ask you to provide veterinary records on birds currently in the home.

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM.

Applications and Questionnaires not fully completed may not be given full consideration

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Residence HOUSE CONDO APARTMENT OTHER

Age of primary caretaker: _____

City or County of Residence : _____

Please explain what previous experience you have had with birds?

Do you plan on breeding? ____ yes ____ no

Animal Code Number/Name of bird you are interested in: _____

Adoption fee: _____ Is this an acceptable cost for you? ____ yes ____ no

Why do you want to adopt this bird? _____

What will you do if the bird decides it dislikes you or another member of the household?

Do any of the members of your household object to adopting a bird?

Is the bird for someone specific in your household? _____

Does anyone in the household smoke? ____ yes ____ no

Do you use Teflon coated cookware? ____ yes ____ no

Are air fresheners, scented candles or perfumes used in the household? ____ yes ____ no

Are you aware that:

- Birds require a great deal of attention and maintenance?
- Are very expensive to feed, keep healthy, and keep entertained?
- Might have or develop undesirable habits (screaming, biting, and destruction of any object in reach, dislike of strangers or your mate, messy, wasteful)?
- Can be destructive?
- Can be loud and cause audio disturbances that neighbors may complain about?
- Require a minimum of an annual visit to the vet for a general check up?

How many hours a day will the bird be left alone? _____

When you are away from home, who will care for the bird? _____

What do you expect from a pet bird?

What characteristics are most important to you?

What would the bird's primary diet be? _____

What is the average life expectancy for the species you are interested in adopting? ____

Who will be your primary Veterinarian? _____

Are they Avian Certified? ____ yes ____ no

How often will the bird visit the vet? _____

Please describe symptoms that may require a veterinary visit:

Will your bird be bathed regularly? ____ yes ____ no

Will you clip the bird's wings to prevent flight? ____ yes ____ no

How will you prevent the bird from being injured in your home (chewing on things that could harm it, running into windows, being injured by objects or other inhabitants, etc.)?

What size/type of cage/housing will you provide for the bird?

How will you provide activities for the bird when you are away?

Where will the cage be placed in your home?

How do you plan to provide for this bird in the event of your death?

Under what circumstances would you not want to keep this bird? (circle all that apply)

Moving	Job status change	Allergy	New relationship
Divorce/Separation	Behavior issues	Too expensive	
Feather Plucking	Does not 'talk'	Doesn't like you	Serious illness
Biting or Screaming behaviors		Cannot spend enough time with bird	
Neighbor/family complaints	Other (explain) _____		

Please provide us with three bird friendly references (vet, pet store, bird owner, etc)

Name _____
Relationship _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
How long has this person worked with birds? _____

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