



Pigeon/Dove Adoption Application

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We appreciate your interest in adopting a Pigeon/Dove from the Richmond Wildlife Center. Pigeons and Doves require different care than dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, and other pet birds. Because caring for a bird is a serious responsibility and can be more of a challenge than with a cat or a dog, we have 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 this 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.

All applications must be filled out, signed, and emailed, faxed, or mailed to us. In order to become an adoptive parent for a Richmond Wildlife Center animal, you must complete our screening requirements, a phone screen, and where applicable a home visit. You will be contacted by phone or email as soon as we have reviewed your application.

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: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Driver License Number: _____

I am over 21 years of age Y N

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 per pigeon/dove: \$ 10.00 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: ____ Yes ____ No

- 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 pigeon? _____

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 Board 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

What vaccination and deworming protocol will you use? _____

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? (PLEASE ENCLOSE CAGE & ENRICHMENT PHOTOS): _____

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

Where will the cage be placed at 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)

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| 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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Relationship _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

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PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

Please understand that filling out this application does not guarantee approval for adoption. Failure to provide contact information may void this application. I certify that the information on this application is true and recognize that any misrepresentation of the facts may lead to the loss of my adoption privileges. I authorize representatives to verify all information on this application and will allow an in home inspection any time before and after the adoption. Please take into consideration a pet bird, depending on species, can live 3-60 or more years. You must be prepared to make this commitment. By signing below, you are indicating that ***you have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment*** pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 3.2-6546 D

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____