



Stipulations for Adopting from Animal Services of Richmond/Richmond Wildlife Center:

1) All birds will be adopted for ornamental or pet purposes. Under no circumstances will these birds be adopted for human or animal consumption. Eggs may be utilized.

2) Predator protection must be provided for the birds. The level of protection varies with the type of birds you are applying for. We will not adopt to anyone who does not provide predator protection and/or is looking to replace birds that are getting killed by predators. We are happy to suggest caging improvements to make it safe for your birds. Improvements must be made before the application will be approved for those looking to replace predated birds. Photos of caging, housing, grazing area, perching and predator proofing should be provided at the time application is submitted.

3) Birds must be fed. Although this seems logical, many people think they do not need to feed birds. They need complete nutrition to be healthy. We are happy to recommend feeds based on what stores you have in your area. Guinea Fowl and Turkeys require a higher protein content and should be fed a gamebird blend. Chickens should be fed a well-balanced commercial crumble or pellet. Under no circumstances should any bird be fed corn as a sole source of diet. Corn should be treated like treats, given as rewards. All birds should be provided with minced romaine, kale, or green-leaf lettuce and live insecticide-free insects or mealworms.

4) There is an adoption fee for each bird. We must collect a fee to help offset the cost of the medical, surgical, and nutritional care and supplies we provide to each bird. Our adoption fee is far less than the costs we incur for each bird. We make an effort to set reasonable adoption fees. If you are providing a good home and can adopt multiple birds we will work with you to set an appropriate adoption fee. Please be prepared to pay the fee upon pickup of your bird(s).

5) Please understand all birds do not fit all situations. We will only suggest birds to you we feel will thrive with the set-up you have to care for the birds. Please note many birds are regulated by local, state and federal laws and some require special permits to own in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We will work with you to ensure you have any and all necessary permits if required.

6) We do not ship birds. Transport services provided by our volunteers are extremely limited to unavailable. Please be prepared to pick your bird up from our center. Please bring appropriate carriers for the birds to go home in. If you are using a pickup truck the birds must be covered and be in plastic kennels. Birds cannot be transported in open-wire crates as they can break their wings and should only be transported in plastic airline carriers. If you're not sure how to best transport your new feathered friends please ask us and we can give you solutions. We do not loan crates.

7) We do not adopt birds out for the purposes of breeding, selling, or food consumption. No exceptions.

8) All of our birds are healthy and are examined by a licensed veterinarian and wildlife rehabilitator before they are cleared for adoption. If they have any special needs we will discuss this with you in full detail upon adoption and pick-up.

The Process for Applying:

1) Please be prepared to pay the required adoption fee upon pick-up of your new feathered family member. Birds cannot be adopted until all necessary paperwork has been approved and the adoption fee paid.

2) Fill out the adoption application completely. Applications that are incomplete will not be reviewed.

3) Applications must be sent in with habitat photos in order to be reviewed. Photos must include the housing you have for the birds and other living quarters, grazing areas, perching, and predator proofing. Photos should be emailed or sent via US Mail to us.

4) Someone will contact you should we have additional questions.

5) Once your completed application has been reviewed by our executive director and veterinarians and approved, you will receive notification of your approval.

6) Once your application is approved you will be contacted to discuss pick-up.

If you have any questions, please ask. We look forward to working with you!

Adoption fee for Domestic Roosters and Chickens (all breeds): \$25.00

Adoption fee for Domestic Turkeys: \$75.00

Adoption fee for Guinea Fowl: \$55.00

Animal Services of Richmond, Inc.

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Avian Adoption Application

All applications must be filled out, signed, and emailed or mailed to us. In order to become an adoptive parent for an Animal Services of Richmond, Inc 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.

We must also see photos of the property where birds will be kept. Photos must include enclosed housing, pen, protected grazing area, perching and predator proofing. Photos should be emailed to admin@richmondwildlifecenter.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Driver License Number: _____

I am over 21 years of age Y N

Property Address where birds will be kept (if different): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Are you adopting this bird(s) to be kept on your property? Y N

Does your city/county allow livestock/agricultural birds to be possessed and housed on your property to include roosters, if adopting a rooster? Y N

Occupation: _____

Which bird(s) would you like to adopt and why?

How many birds would you like to adopt? _____

Spouse/Significant other/Roommate Name:

If this relationship were to change, who do you anticipate keeping the bird(s)? _____

Do all adults in your household know that you are applying to adopt a bird(s)? Y N

Who in the family initiated the desire to adopt a bird(s)?

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

Children's ages:

Do you travel a great deal? Y N

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

Type of dwelling: House Condo Apartment Other

Do you: Rent Own

If you rent, do you have your landlord's consent to have agricultural birds? Y N

(Please provide written proof if applying to adopt a bird larger than a cockatiel.)

Landlord's name and phone:

Would you allow an inspection of, and post-placement follow-up visit to your
Premises by an Animal Services of Richmond volunteer? Y N

Do you currently have any birds? Y N

If yes, how many and what species?

How long have you had each bird?

Have you taken care of birds in the past that you no longer have? If so, what species?

What other animals do you have? (Be specific)

Do you have a separate quarantine area for new birds? Y N

If you are adopting guinea fowl, are you aware that they are flighted and will need suitable perching and loft spaces?

Do you have experience caring for chickens, turkeys or guinea fowl? Please explain.

What type of housing do you have available for the birds you plan to adopt? Please explain.

What do you feed your birds? Be Specific.

Are you interested in adopting a bird for breeding purposes? Y N

Do you raise any animals for food, plan to raise any birds your adopting or their offspring for food?

Are you aware that avian medicine can be very expensive should your bird get sick? Y N

If your bird does become ill, will it be a financial burden for you? Y N

If yes, would you take him/her to the vet anyway? Y N

Would it be a hardship for you to take your bird to an avian vet for annual check-ups? Y N

Do you know or have an avian veterinarian? Y N

If yes, who?

What vet hospital does s/he work for?

In what city?

Would you like us to recommend an avian veterinarian? Y N

Please provide the name and phone number for the Veterinarian who takes care of your pets:

Please explain the signs of illness in birds.

Under what circumstances would you NOT wish to keep the bird?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving | <input type="checkbox"/> New job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biting/aggressive to pets/humans | <input type="checkbox"/> New relationship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color | <input type="checkbox"/> Personality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniqueness | <input type="checkbox"/> Price |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Size | <input type="checkbox"/> Loud/noisy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuddliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird develops serious illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New baby | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniqueness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't get along with other animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers one person over another |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ease of Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: please specify |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise-making | _____ |

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 that chickens can live 6-8 years, turkeys approx. 10 years, and guinea fowl 10-15 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: _____