

**Animal Education and Rescue, NFP**  
**BIRD ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
P.O. Box 7343  
Libertyville, IL. 60048

Please complete the entire application (failure to do so may result in the application not being processed). Although we give every application full consideration, *we do not adopt on a first come, first serve basis and may deny the application.*

Our goal is to carefully match each pet with the best family, home and lifestyle. Thank you!

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**ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Assigned to process: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant notified we are processing: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ How: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Application put on hold (date): \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Reprocess (date): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please PRINT legibly.

**You are interested in adopting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (please include best time to contact) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address (our primary means of communication with you is email, please check your email regularly after submitting your application) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Information:**

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

How long employed with: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

List all Household Members by Name (include applicants), Age, and Relation to You (\*please include any part time members i.e. children who live there part of the month etc)

Name	Age	Relationship	Full-time resident	Part-time resident

**Current Pets:**

List all Current Pets, including Name, Type of Pet/Breed, Sex, Spayed/Neutered, Age, How long Owned, and Where kept:

Name	Breed	Age	Sex	How long owned	Where kept

**Pet History:**

Have you owned a bird previously? If yes, please provide your history and prior experience with birds:

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Please list any previous birds including Name, Sex (if known) Age (approximate is fine)

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How long owned, and reason pet is no longer with your family/household:

Name	Sex	Age	years with you	Reason no longer with you

Have you ever applied to adopt from a Humane Society or Breed Rescue Group? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Did you successfully adopt from the group? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If No, please describe why: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever surrendered an animal to a Humane Society or other party? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If Yes, for what reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you had any complaints about your pets? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please elaborate:

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**References:**

Please list two personal references. (NOTE: One reference must be a non-relative)

Include Name, Relationship, Address, Telephone Numbers (please include best time to contact), and Email Address:

Name	Relationship	Address (city and state)	Phone numbers Include area code	Best time to contact reference	Email address of reference

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Please list any veterinary reference(s). If you currently do not have a vet, please list the vet you plan to use for your new pet.

Vet's Name	Clinic Name	Address (city & state)	Phone # (include area code)

**Residence:**

Describe your current residence (house, condo, apartment, mobile home, live with parents, other):

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Do you own or rent/lease this residence? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent please provide Landlord's name and phone number:

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\*Please Note: If you rent or lease your residence, a copy of the lease will be requested before an adoption may be finalized.

Do you have plenty of room to keep a bird and a cage ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to supply a cage large enough for the bird to fly around on the days that he is not allowed out? Birds need to exercise their wings every day for their general health and well-being. Would you like us to supply you with a cage and supplies? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on allowing this bird to have free time every day – i.e.: a safe place to fly?

Examples: flight cage – or a room or two in your home?

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Have you checked your home for dangerous objects or plants? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If there are any how are you going to keep your bird away from them?

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Are there distractions during the day, such as neighbors stopping by, children being dropped off / picked up... dog(s), loose dogs, or anything similar? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Describe:

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Do neighbors and or neighborhood children have access to your home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If you do not have a safe area for the bird to fly would you like your rescue representative to provide recommendations on providing a safe flight cage for your bird? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you willing to make improvements to your home in order to provide a safe and secure location for your bird? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If no, why not?

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Approximately how many hours per day will your bird be unattended? \_\_\_ Please describe any special arrangements or considerations\_\_\_\_\_

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Where will the bird be primarily kept? \_\_\_Please describe:\_\_\_\_\_

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Where will the bird be kept while unattended? \_\_\_\_\_Please describe:\_\_\_\_\_

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Where will the bird sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_Please describe:\_\_\_\_\_

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When you leave town for travel who will care for your birds (please be as specific as you possibly can and please include them as references\_\_\_\_\_

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**General Information:**

If adopting a bird what other breeds have you considered? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is it about the bird that has generated interest in the breed (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is this bird for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of your bird, including feeding, general care, training, and health and veterinary care \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a bird? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Does everyone in the household want a bird? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What is your family's overall reaction to owning a bird?

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Does everyone hold the same reaction? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, please elaborate \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have children, are you willing to accept the additional responsibility of a bird? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

This may include "childproofing" your bird, additional training sessions with the children and the bird, etc. With birds and children this may also include "bird proofing" your child. In other words, if the bird is for you and not for your child keeping the bird safe at all times will be your responsibility.

Are you willing to teach the children the proper way to handle live animals? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you willing to accept that the bird may not like everyone in your family and may particularly like one person more than another?

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Are you willing to accept that the bird may not like all your children's friends? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If the bird doesn't like them what will you do?\_\_\_\_\_

Does your lifestyle allow for the time and energy needed to properly care for your bird? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please

explain\_\_\_\_\_

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Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives, and children may gain admittance to your home, property, and vehicle without your supervision? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If yes please elaborate\_\_\_\_\_

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How much do you anticipate spending per year to feed, vaccinate, license, and provide medical care for your new bird?\_\_\_\_\_

Birds may live longer than 10 years depending upon the size. The larger birds can live 30-40 years. Sometimes more. Are you ready to take responsibility for the pet's entire lifetime? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If not, why?

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Are you familiar with the pet ownership laws in your area? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Is there a legal limit to the number of birds you may own in your community? Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what is the limit?\_\_\_\_\_

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**Behavior & Training:**

To facilitate the bonding process we recommend every bird owner(s) should attend some introductory bird training and care courses. Would a care / training program be something you, as a new owner, would be interested in participating in? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If No, please provide a brief explanation\_\_\_\_\_

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What amount of time and effort do you plan to devote to training your new bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your definition of disciplining a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your initial reaction to the idea of disciplining your bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would be your response when your new bird makes a mistake? \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of work or behaviors do you expect of your new bird? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you considered how to prevent behavior problems, such as Aggression\_\_\_\_, Squawking\_\_\_\_, Feather Chewing \_\_\_\_\_ Biting \_\_\_\_\_? Please elaborate as to how you will deal with these types of behaviors? \_\_\_\_\_

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It may take your new bird a month or most likely longer to adjust to its new home. Especially the older ones. Are you prepared to allow this much time? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Adoption Responsibilities:**

Do you agree to return the Bird to Animal Education and Rescue, NFP if you are no longer able to keep the Bird? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Do you agree to contact Animal Education and Rescue, NFP if you are considering euthanizing the pet for non-terminal health or physical suffering reasons? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you willing to allow an Animal Education and Rescue, NFP member visit your home? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If no, why: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you agree to contact an Animal Education and Rescue, NFP member if your new bird is having difficulty (behavioral problems, etc) adjusting to your home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If no, why?

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**Adoption Fees:**

Our adoption fees are subject to change and you should check with an Animal Education and Rescue, NFP volunteer to verify the adoption fee of the particular pet you are interested in.

Parakeets - \$35.00

Cockatiel - \$75.00

Quakers - \$150.00

Love Birds \$125.00

Parrots & other larger birds (please contact us for more info)

If the bird comes with a cage the price of the cage and supplies will be negotiated upon adoption.

Other fees to be discussed with potential adopters.

\*Additional fees may be added to original adoption fee (i.e., unexpected veterinarian bills, out of state vet certificate rider, if the bird came with a cage, the bird will be adopted and a fee will be applied towards the cage and accessories, etc.)

How did you find out about Animal Education and Rescue, NFP? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match your needs with pets in our program. If you have any comments or concerns about adopting a rescue pet or about this program, please use the back page to share them with us. We are always interested and open to your viewpoint.

**By submitting this application, I certify that the information I have given is true. I realize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in losing the privilege to adopt a pet. I understand that Animal Education and Rescue, NFP has the right to deny my request to adopt a pet. I authorize my veterinarian and personal references to release any information requested by Animal Education and Rescue, NFP in the investigation of all statements made in this application.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_