



A Place To Call Home, Inc. Parrot Rescue and Adoption



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Pre-Adoption Home Visit Questionnaire

Before you can adopt a bird from our rescue, we need to be sure you know as much as possible about caring for companion birds in general and specifics about the species you are interested in adopting. This questionnaire is designed to guide you in this learning process and supplement the information we gather from the adoption application. By researching the answers to these questions you should begin to build up a good knowledge base about the proper way to care and interact with a companion bird. Gather information from a wide variety of sources, not just the internet (Wikipedia is not always a reliable source!). Consult issues of bird magazines (which can be accessed from libraries or purchased at pet stores); talk to rescue volunteers and other parrot owners; read books and watch videos from our rescue library; attend classes held at the rescue and elsewhere; consult a veterinarian or a person like Michelle Karras who is considered a “bird expert.” We don’t expect you to know everything before you can adopt from us. No one knows everything about caring for parrots because every bird is different—Each has its own personality, likes & dislikes and previous experiences. Learn as much as you can about the bird you want to adopt and demonstrate your knowledge to us by answering the questions below.

The APTCH representative(s) who will perform the home visit will discuss your answers and assess your knowledge level. Based on this assessment, the representative(s) will either report to the Board of Directors that your knowledge is sufficient or recommend that you continue with the learning process before we can proceed in our evaluation of your application. If your knowledge is deemed sufficient, you still have to pass the home inspection, satisfy all of the other application requirements and spend a sufficient amount of time bonding with the bird you wish to adopt before we may approve your adoption application.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Species you want to adopt _____ Bird Name _____

Date of Home Visit _____



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A Typical Day in Our Household:

Morning Activities:

Approximate Time:

Activity:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Afternoon Activities:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Early Evening Activities:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Bedtime Activities:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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Background:

What is a tolerable noise level at your home _____

How much mess can you tolerate on a daily basis _____

Who will be the primary caregiver _____

Will all family members interact with the bird _____

How much travel do you do _____

Who would take care of the bird during this time _____

General Parrot Questions:

What are the major identifying characteristics of parrots _____

Describe as many things as you can that can be harmful to parrots but not humans (for example, salt)

How are parrots affected by the changing seasons _____

Describe the ideal cage location _____



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Species Specific Questions:

What are the major characteristics of the species you want to adopt _____

What is its typical lifespan _____ Intelligence level _____

What is the minimum cage size for a bird of this species _____

How many toys should be in a cage of this size _____

What different kinds of toys should be in the cage _____

What is the ideal diet for a captive bird of this species _____

On average, how much sleep should this species get each night _____

What is a good bathing routine for this species _____

What is the minimum amount of time this bird should spend outside of its cage each day _____

How much oral and physical interaction should there be each day _____



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Behavioral questions:

How do you handle unwanted behavior _____

What do you do if the bird screams, plucks its feathers, or begins to self-mutilate and what does this tell you about the care the bird received in the past or the care it is receiving in the present

How do you discipline a bird _____

How do you train a bird _____

What would you do if the bird started to bleed _____



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Maintenance questions:

How often should you clean the bird's cage _____

Name several activities that promote a healthier environment for your bird _____

How often should you exercise your bird and describe several ways of doing it _____

How frequently should the bird see an avian veterinarian _____

What is the average veterinary bill for a checkup if the bird is healthy _____

How much are you prepared to spend to ensure the health of the bird _____

Will you clip the bird's wings: Y N Unsure Who will trim the nails and beak _____

On average, how much money do you expect to spend on this bird each month excluding veterinary bills

Write down any questions you may have for the rescue representative below: