

# Adoption Application

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Thank you for your interest in adopting a parrot from Parrot Sanctuary. Parrot Sanctuary is a registered non-profit (Ontario#1857999) specializing in rescue, rehabilitation & rehoming of companion parrots.

**Our adoption process will take some time – usually a few weeks at a minimum –** and involves both a home visit to the adopting home and at least two visits with the bird (by appointment). We want to make sure that the bird(s) you are adopting is right for you, your family, and your home (and even for your neighbours).

Parrot Sanctuary is strongly committed to the welfare of the birds relinquished to us. Most of our birds come from owners who for one reason or another can no longer care for their companion birds.

All adoptions require an Adoption Fee and include a 1 month probationary period. During this time, if you and your family decide that the adoption is not working for you, YOU MUST contact us to return the bird to Parrot Sanctuary for a full refund of the adoption fees (less \$50 to cover admin & travel) within the dates specified.

The following application has been designed to aid both you and us in determining whether you or your family are the type of owners we seek for adoption of the birds from Parrot Sanctuary.

I understand that filling out this questionnaire does not guarantee that I will be able to adopt a parrot from Parrot Sanctuary. Each adoption is at the discretion of the adoption committee, which strives to place a particular parrot with the most suitable home. Parrot Sanctuary does not have a *'first come, first serve'* policy.

Bird ownership is a serious responsibility. The policy of the Parrot Sanctuary is to assure that each person who adopts a bird is aware of this responsibility and that they are morally, financially and physically capable of accepting it. Not everyone who wishes to own an exotic bird should own an exotic bird.

If the above criteria have been met, and the adoption process is successful, arrangements will be made to visit your home with your new companion bird. We will provide you with a list of your companion's likes and dislikes (favourite foods & toys; what makes him/her anxious; safety precautions; health care concerns; and much more.) We will require that our Adoption Contract be signed, and will contact your references (so please let them know we will be calling).

Please answer ALL the questions and feel free to explain any answers or add additional comments. If a question does not apply, please write "N/A". We ensure that all of your information is kept confidential.

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These Adoption Fees are to give you an idea of the approximate range, but each parrot will have its own individual Adoption Fee based on different factors (from specific needs to age).

Type of Bird	Adoption Fee	Cage & Accessories
Budgies	\$25	Included when available
Cockatiels , Lovebirds	\$50	Included when available
Medium-sized Parrots (Conures, Pionus, Quakers)	\$300 to \$600	Included when available
Large-sized Parrots (Greys, Amazons, Cockatoos, Macaws)	\$600 to \$1,000	Included when available

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\_\_\_\_\_ Application Date

\_\_\_\_ I have read "The Bird Owners Manual" [www.frombeakstobarks.com/TheBirdOwnersManual.pdf](http://www.frombeakstobarks.com/TheBirdOwnersManual.pdf)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation of Spouse / partner \_\_\_\_\_

How many people in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ How many are adults? \_\_\_\_\_

How many are kids? \_\_\_\_\_ What are their ages \_\_\_\_\_

Do all the members of your household know that you are applying to adopt a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they interested in sharing their lives with a new companion? \_\_\_\_\_ Is anyone allergic? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household smoke? Yes No inside the home? Yes No

Type of home: \_\_\_ House \_\_\_ Condo/Apt. \_\_\_ other Do you: \_\_\_ Rent? \_\_\_ Own?

If renting, do you have landlord's permission to have a bird? Yes No

What is your weekly schedule?

Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_

Evenings \_\_\_\_\_

Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel a great deal? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will take care of your parrot(s) while you're away? \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

What if this person is unavailable? \_\_\_\_\_

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## History of current / previous Companion Parrots / Animals

Do you currently have any companion animals? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of your current pets have a high prey drive? \_\_\_\_\_

What assurances will you take to keep your parrot safe from your other pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are they up-to-date with yearly shots/check-ups? \_\_\_\_\_ Can we contact them for a reference? \_\_\_\_\_

## Parrot History

Do you currently have parrots? Yes No How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Do they receive regular checkups? \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously had parrots? Yes No How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

If you no longer have birds, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a breeder of parrots? Yes No Do you currently have breeder birds? Yes No

If yes, when / what breeds? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the bird you are interested in at the Parrot Sanctuary? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of parrot would you like to adopt? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What characteristics in a pet bird are important to you?

Colour \_\_\_ Size \_\_\_ Intelligence \_\_\_ Price/value \_\_\_ Cuddliness \_\_\_ Ease of care \_\_\_

Talking \_\_\_ Uniqueness \_\_\_ Quietness \_\_\_ Companionship \_\_\_ Personality \_\_\_

Please describe why \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know an avian vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Describe signs of illness in a bird \_\_\_\_\_

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We recommend that you seek the advice of an avian veterinarian if your bird becomes ill or you have any questions in the care of your bird. Your avian vet must be a member in good standing with the Association of Avian Veterinarians. If your vet clinic does not specialize in avian medicine what % is avian related? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they board certified? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical attention can be expensive. Have you considered this? Yes No

Are you aware that every breed of bird requires regular check-ups by an avian vet? Yes No

Will the bird you are adopting be considered as a breeder? Yes No

Would you permit a home visit following adoption? Yes No

Do you plan to quarantine your bird if you have others? Yes No

Are you open to further parrot education from Parrot Sanctuary? Yes No

Have you done any research on the appropriate care of parrots? Yes No

Have you read any Parrot books, magazines, web pages or watched any videos? Yes No

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### Parrot Safety

What is the year round temperature in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to heat/cool to provide a constant temperature for the birds? Yes No

Will you keep your bird(s) away from drafts? Yes No

Are you willing to educate yourself on bird safety and well being? Yes No

Can you describe some of the dangers that a bird may be exposed to in any household? \_\_\_\_\_

List some toxic household cleaners \_\_\_\_\_

List some toxic household plants \_\_\_\_\_

List some dangerous household appliances \_\_\_\_\_

Certain materials if used as cage liners could kill a bird. Please list some SAFE cage liners \_\_\_\_\_

What are safe cleaning materials / agents to clean a cage (& toys, perches etc..) \_\_\_\_\_

How often should you change the cage liners? \_\_\_\_\_

How often should the cage be cleaned? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that parrots have a highly sensitive respiratory system? Yes NO

Will you be taking the bird(s) outside? Yes No

If yes, how will you keep the bird safe outside? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where in the home will the bird's cage be located? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of caging does the parrot that you want require? \_\_\_\_\_

How is the proper cage size determined for each bird? \_\_\_\_\_

What materials are safe for perches? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important to have different diameter perches? \_\_\_\_\_

How many perches do you plan to have in the cage? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of diet would you feed your parrot? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some foods toxic to parrots? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that birds require a great deal of attention and maintenance, are expensive to keep fed, healthy, housed and entertained? Yes No

How much do you think the bird(s) you are interested in cost to keep annually? \_\_\_\_\_

## Parrot Behaviour

In the wild, parrots spend much of the time exercising and foraging for food. They are highly intelligent and social creatures. It is your responsibility as the primary caregiver to create as much opportunity for enrichment to ensure the well being of a parrot in its daily life. "A busy beak is a happy beak." Many parrots in captivity do not have their emotional, physical and dietary needs met and as a result may suffer from a compromised existence that may lead to a wide range of behavior and health issues.

Are you aware that these habits are hard to change? Yes No

Are you also aware that parrots (also known as Hook Bills) have a normal urge to chew anything that may tempt their destructive beaks (however inappropriate), especially if left unsupervised? Yes No

*(This includes furniture, blinds, curtains, buttons, jewelry, carpet, molding, and any other household items within reach.)*

How will you deal with chewing? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that parrots may develop the following habits: Biting, screaming, "becoming seemingly jealous" over your partner, being fearful of people and objects, leaving droppings everywhere. Yes No

If the bird develops a bad habit, what action would you take? \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the bird?

Moving	Allergies	Prefers one person to another
Divorce/separation	Does not get along with other pets	Messiness
New baby	New relationship	Behaviour issues
New Job	Serious illness	Biting
Screaming	Chewing furniture	Other _____

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Are you willing to take a bird that currently has behavior problems? Yes No Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to accept bird with physical challenges ? Yes No

Many parrots have the capability of talking, but some will not talk. Some will make lovely sounds – or potentially scream continuously in loud pitches. Are you/your household prepared to deal with this? Yes No

They may just need attention, food, affection or simply something to occupy them. They may also be injured or frightened. They may also have habits that could be hard to change. How would you handle these behavioural challenges? \_\_\_\_\_

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How many hours a day would the parrot be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day would the parrot be caged? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day would the parrot have freedom to exercise outside of its cage? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you purchase a play stand for your new bird? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of toys will be provided? \_\_\_\_\_

The Directors of the Parrot Sanctuary are available to help in any way possible to promote a healthy and happy co-existence between your new parrot and yourself. (Please do not hesitate to contact us!)

Thank you for your interest in adopting and caring for parrot!

*Marie-Elisabeth Gagnon*

President,

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. The Parrot Sanctuary reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant. If approved, this application becomes a part of the Adoption Contract. I understand the responsibility involved with adopting and caring for a companion bird. I also agree not to intentionally breed this bird for myself or commercial purposes. And finally, I understand and agree that the bird(s) I am adopting are not mine to sell or give away: if for any reason I no longer want this bird, or am no longer able to care for it, I am obliged to return it to the Parrot Sanctuary. I may not sell, trade or give away the bird(s) to a third party.

I am 19 years or older & I have read and agree to all of the above. (Can be signed in person if sent via email)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Please list additional qualities that make you the best candidate for this parrot's adoption:

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**References:** Please list 3 references of people who have known you for at least 5 years. At least 1 of the three must be a non-family member. Please inform your references that we will be contacting them shortly. In the interest of processing this in a timely manner, please also ask them to return any voice/emails asap.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Comments/Questions

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