



# Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue

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## ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION

All applications must be printed, filled out, signed, and mailed to our P.O. box or handed to a Mickaboo volunteer at a bird care class or other Mickaboo event. No applications will be accepted through email. In order to become an adoptive or foster parent for Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue, you must complete our screening requirements, which include a bird care class, a phone screen, and 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: Michelle Blackwell & Paul Blackwell

Address: 1306 Davis Ave

City/State/Zip: Concord, CA 94518

I have attended a Mickaboo bird care class ☒ Y ☐ N If yes, where/when: Petexpress San Mateo

Email address: gemusic@aol.com

Home phone: 925 827-0252

Work phone: 510 287-2053

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant other/Roommate: Paul

(ADOPTION ONLY) If this relationship were to change, who do you anticipate keeping the bird? Paul

Do all adults in your household know that you are applying to adopt/foster a bird? ☒ Y ☐ N

Who in the family initiated the desire to foster or adopt a bird? myself

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

Children's ages: None

How many hours per day would the bird be left alone? 4

Do you travel a great deal? ☐ Y ☒ N

When you are away, who will care for the bird? my daughter age 28

Type of dwelling: House ☒ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Do you: Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own ☒

If you rent, do you have your landlord's consent to have a bird? ☐ Y ☐ N  
(Please provide written proof if applying to adopt or foster a bird larger than a cockatiel.)

Landlord's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you, or does anyone in your household smoke? ☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, would you be able to provide a smoke-free environment for a foster or adopted bird ☐ Y ☐ N

Would you allow an inspection of, and post-placement follow-up visit to your premises by an MCR volunteer? ☒ Y ☐ N

Do you have any birds now? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes, how many and what species? One Canary

How long have you owned each bird? One year in July

Have you had birds in the past that you no longer have? If so, what species? Yes One Canary

What other animals do you have? (be specific) 3 cats, 1 fish

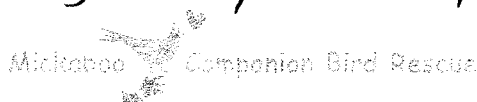
Which species would you like to foster or adopt and why? Canary, for company, to current Canary

Do you have a separate quarantine area for new birds (a separate room with a door shut)? ☒ Y ☐ N

If you have birds, are your bird's wings clipped? ☐ Y ☒ N  
If yes, who clips them? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you/would you discipline your birds? Be specific. Not applicable to canaries

What do you/would you feed your birds? Be Specific. Seed, salad w/ spring greens, yams, rice, whole grains, potatoes, squashy carrots, peas



Redie does not like fruit.  
My precious canary did and also got fruit daily.

Do you/would you let your birds out of the cage daily?

☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, for how long and where are they/would they be when they are out?

We let the bird fly in our screened porch when weather is reasonable. In spring & summer average 4 hours a day. In winter much less frequent.

What would you do if you came home one day and found your bird on the bottom of the cage, obviously ill?

Take it to the vet in Oakley

Are you aware that exotic birds may develop bad habits (Destruction of clothing, furniture, draperies, or anything within reach; biting, screaming, dislike of strangers or your mate, leaving droppings everywhere) and that these habits can be difficult to break; that they require a great deal of attention and maintenance; that they can be expensive to keep fed, healthy, housed, and entertained?

☒ Y ☐ N

If the bird does develop a bad habit, what would you do?

Not applicable to canaries.

#### ADOPTION ONLY — All questions in the following section

Are you interested in adopting a bird for breeding purposes?

☐ Y ☒ N

Are you planning keeping your adopted bird(s) in an aviary situation?

☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, indoors or outdoors: Not an aviary but they are/will be together on the porch.

Are you aware that bird 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 an avian veterinarian?

☒ Y ☐ N

If yes, who? There is one in Oakley I have not visited yet. I previously went to Cottage Vet. in Walnut Creek.

What vet hospital does s/he work for?

In what city? Oakley / Walnut Creek

Would you like us to recommend an avian veterinarian?

☐ Y ☒ N

Thanks to and one at the class.

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

- ☐ Moving
- ☐ Divorce/separation
- ☐ New baby
- ☐ New job
- ☐ Excessively loud/noisy
- ☐ Bites; aggressive towards pets or humans
- ☐ Allergy
- ☒ Does not get along with other pets
- ☐ New relationship
- ☐ Bird develops serious illness
- ☐ Prefers one person over another

How important are these characteristics in a pet bird?  
(Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being unimportant and 5 being crucial.)

- ☐ Color
- ☐ Size
- ☐ Intelligence
- ☐ Price/Value
- ☐ Companionship
- ☐ Cuddliness
- ☐ Ease of care
- ☐ Talking
- ☐ Personality
- ☐ Uniqueness

(FOSTER ONLY) Do you have any bird hand-feeding experience?

☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, please describe which species, the number of feedings, when you got the bird, and how long ago you last hand-fed a bird.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle Blackwell

**\*NOTE\*** Answering yes or no to any of the above questions will not necessarily result in your disqualification as a adoptive or foster-parent. Our sole interest rests with the birds. All answers to above questions will be used to determine which home is the best for any given situation.

## DISCLAIMER

Our primary concern is the well being of these animals. The majority of them have at some time, either been abused, neglected, sick or injured. For these reasons, all prospective foster and /or adoptive parents must fill out an application and attend one of our regularly scheduled bird care classes. Please see our scheduled events page for our next scheduled class. You must also participate in our screening process prior to receipt of any bird. We charge an adoption fee for all birds adopted from Mickaboo. The amount of the fee depends on the species of bird adopted. Due to our commitment to place these birds in the best possible environment, we reserve the right to refuse adoption/fostering of any bird to anyone for any reason. For more information, please see the information on our website entitled "Rescue Myths".

If you are applying to adopt a bird larger than a cockatiel you must submit a written authorization from your landlord along with a phone number where he/she can be reached, if you are renting.

We also reserve the right to repossess any birds adopted/fostered if we find for any reason their care requirements are not being met. Additionally, applicants must sign the written contract below:

No birds adopted/fostered from Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue shall be used for breeding purposes. If for any reason they can no longer keep one of our adopted birds, they agree to arrange for immediate return of the bird to Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue. For this reason birds will rarely be adopted outside the state of California and never without special approval of the specific circumstances. And, finally, due to the responsibilities involved in pet ownership, and the possibility of incurring significant costs associated with veterinary care, by signing a foster or adoption application, all applicants signify that they are at least 18 years of age.

If you become a Mickaboo Volunteer, or adopt from us, there are a few policies we wish to address directly to avoid any misunderstandings later on. Our volunteers and foster parents are our most valuable assets, and we'd like to keep it that way.

As a Mickaboo Volunteer or adoptive parent, you may, from time to time be trusted with confidential personal information regarding, but not limited to address, telephone, and other personal information of other Mickaboo volunteers and adoptive parents. It is our policy that this information is not only proprietary, but confidential as well. In the interest of professionalism, no one who volunteers for or adopts from Mickaboo will be authorized to share, or otherwise disseminate this information for any reason, not limited to sales pitches, business opportunities, or any other activities which may present a conflict of interest, or otherwise result in any harm to Mickaboo or any of its agents, foster parents, adoptive parents, or other volunteers. By returning this application, you are certifying that you will abide by each and every one of these terms, as well as the terms of the application itself.

### Acceptance of Terms:



By placing your initials in the space at left, you are certifying that you have read the disclaimer above, and agree to each of its terms.