



## MickaCoo Pigeon and Dove Adoption

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### FOSTER/ADOPTION APPLICATION

All applications must be filled out, signed, and faxed to 1-866-201-4199, mailed to our P.O. box, or handed to a Mickaboo volunteer at a bird care class or other Mickaboo event. In order to become an adoptive or foster parent for Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue, you must complete the application and a home visit. You will be contacted by phone or e-mail as soon as you have submitted 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Mickaboo bird care class?

Y \* N If yes, where/when: \_\_\_\_\_ If no, would you like to? Y \* N

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Spouse/Significant other/Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

(ADOPTION ONLY) 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/foster a bird(s)? Y \* N

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Children's ages:

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How much time do you expect to spend caring for the bird(s)?

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Do you travel a great deal? Y \* N

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

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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

Landlord's name and phone:

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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 a Mickaboo volunteer? Y \* N

Do you have any birds now? Y \* N

If yes, how many and what species?

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How long have you owned each bird?

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

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What other animals do you have? (be specific)

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Which species would you like to foster or adopt and why?

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

What do you/would you feed your birds? Be Specific.

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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?

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you know an avian veterinarian? Y \* N

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

What vet hospital does s/he work for?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Under what circumstances would you NOT wish to keep the bird?</b>	<b>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)</b>
Moving	Color
Divorce/Separation	Size
New baby	Intelligence
New job	Price/Value
Excessively loud/noisy	Companionship
Aggressive towards pets or humans	Cuddliness
Allergy	Ease of care
Does not get along with other pets	Breed
New relationship	Personality
Bird develops serious illness	Uniqueness
Prefers one person over another	Flight ability

Do you have any questions or concerns?  
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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*\*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.

