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Rescue of over 70 Domestic Birds from a Silicon Valley Home

[Mickaboo](#) Companion Bird Rescue, in collaboration with rescue partners Palomacy and Wing and a Prayer Loriidae Preservation and Restoration Rescue, saved over 70 domestic birds from a home in Silicon Valley after the owner passed away.

A friend of the deceased owner contacted Mickaboo to assist with rescuing the birds, many of whom were sick and injured. When the team of Mickaboo volunteers arrived to assess the situation, they discovered several aviaries of exotic finches, rare parakeets, lorikeets, conures, doves, a quail and a cockatoo on the property. Because the death of the owner was not discovered immediately, there was some urgency in evaluating the birds' health and their living situation.

The yard in which the cages were located was cluttered and it was difficult to find all of the birds. It wasn't until another visit late in the evening that the Mickaboo volunteers found large numbers of rats moved onto the property at night. Rats will kill birds, especially small birds, and their droppings carry diseases that will also kill birds. Michelle Yesney, Mickaboo CEO, issued a desperate call to the organization's volunteers asking that the birds all be removed immediately. Within less than 24 hours, all of the birds were in foster homes or receiving medical treatment at a local avian vet.

The volunteer team needed to remove the birds from aviaries covered in bird and rodent excrement. "We literally had to crawl through square holes on top of 12 inches of feces to get inside to net the birds" said one Mickaboo volunteer. "It was both a physically demanding and emotionally challenging situation ... and the birds were terrified."

Although an incredibly heartbreaking situation, including the loss of life of the birds' owner, this challenging rescue ended on a positive note; the birds are getting their second chance to live healthy lives and to find permanent caring homes. "We witnessed an incredible effort to rescue these birds who were in desperate need. This rescue could not have been done without the support of our dedicated volunteers and our community and the participation of our rescue partners, [Palomacy](#), who took the doves and quail and [Wing and a Prayer](#) Loriidae Preservation and Restoration, who took the lorikeets" said Pamela Lee, Mickaboo CFO. Each rescue is handling their own veterinary expenses and will be responsible for adoptions of the birds in their care.

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Veterinary care for these birds has been expensive. Mickaboo's costs alone are expected to top \$10,000 to treat the birds for their physical injuries, infections, and provide general supportive care. Once they are deemed healthy, the birds will be available for adoption.

Mickaboo's efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome domestic birds are made possible by volunteers and donations. Please consider making a charitable gift to support Mickaboo's mission to care for the birds involved in this rescue and the other 600+ birds already in Mickaboo's rescued flock, via mickaboo.org.

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About Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue

Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization located in the San Francisco Bay Area but serving Northern and Central California. The organization is dedicated to rescuing companion birds (parrot-type and other companion birds) that have been neglected, abused, injured or surrendered. It exists to ensure that these birds will have a safe, loving environment for life. Mickaboo strives to educate bird owners on the most current standard of care, so that the medical, emotional, and dietary needs of their birds will be met. www.mickaboo.org

About Palomacy

Palomacy Pigeon and Dove Adoptions saves the lives of domestic (unreleasable) birds that are otherwise killed by helping San Francisco Bay Area shelters and finders. We provide rescue, referrals, education, foster care, avian vet treatment and adoption services. Palomacy is a volunteer-powered, donation-supported project of Community Initiatives. We have directly saved the lives of more than 800 birds since we began in 2007 and have helped countless others across the country and beyond. www.PigeonRescue.org

About Wing and a Prayer Loriidae Preservation and Restoration

Wing and a Prayer Loriidae Preservation and Restoration is a 501c3 charitable, educational, and scientific non-profit organization dedicated to the domestic rescue and international conservation of lorries and lorikeets. Dr. Tammy Doukas oversees the rescue and rehabilitation of lorikeets from all over the United States, and has also performed international conservation research of lorikeets in Polynesia and Indonesia. www.facebook.com/lorikeetrescue/



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