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ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN A MICKABOO BIRD CARE CLASS

All applications must be filled out, signed, and faxed to 1-866-201-4199, mailed to our P.O. box in San Jose, 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 our screening requirements, which include a bird care class, a phone screen, and a home visit. You will be contacted by phone or e-mail as soon as you have completed a Mickaboo bird care class and 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: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I have attended a Mickaboo bird care class Y N If yes, where/when: _____

I am interested in: fostering adopting I am over 18 years of age Y N

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

If you are unsure what species you would like to foster/adopt, please enter numbers for your first three choices below to help us determine what species would be the best fit for you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African Grey | <input type="checkbox"/> Cockatiel | <input type="checkbox"/> Finch | <input type="checkbox"/> Pionus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon | <input type="checkbox"/> Cockatoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorikeet | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigeon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgie/parakeet | <input type="checkbox"/> Conure | <input type="checkbox"/> Lovebird | <input type="checkbox"/> Poicephalus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caique | <input type="checkbox"/> Dove | <input type="checkbox"/> Macaw | <input type="checkbox"/> Ringneck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canary | <input type="checkbox"/> Eclectus | <input type="checkbox"/> Parrotlet | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosella |

Spouse/Significant other/Roommate: _____

If this relationship were to change, who do you anticipate keeping the bird? (for **ADOPTION** only) _____

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? _____

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

Children's ages: _____

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

Do you travel a great deal? Y N

When you are away, who will care for the bird? _____

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 currently have any birds? Y N

If yes, how many and what species? _____

How long have you had each bird? _____

Have you taken care of birds in the past that you no longer have? If so, what species? _____

What other animals do you have? (be specific) _____

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 currently discipline your birds? Be specific. _____

After taking the Mickaboo bird care class, would you change how you discipline your birds? _____

What do you feed your birds? Be Specific. _____

After taking the Mickaboo bird care class, would you change what you feed your birds? _____

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

If yes, for how long and where are they 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?

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?

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

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? _____

What vet hospital does s/he work for? _____

In what city? _____

Would you like us to recommend an avian veterinarian?

Y N

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

- Moving
- Divorce/separation
- New baby
- New job
- Loud/noisy
- Biting/aggressive to pets/humans
- Allergies
- Doesn't get along with other pet
- New relationship
- Bird develops serious illness
- Prefers one person over another

How important are these characteristics in a bird?

- Color
- Size
- Ease of Care
- Personality
- Uniqueness
- Uniqueness
- Cuddliness
- Talking
- Price

Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being unimportant and 5 being crucial.

(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.

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 an 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.

IMPORTANT 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 renting and 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.

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.