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## Alberta has a Forever Home

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Alberta is a 44-year-old yellow naped amazon that arrived at Mickaboo about three years ago. Her person took her to the vet and Alberta was put on medication for her arthritis. She was surrendered because her caretaker worked hours that didn't allow her to give Alberta the attention required.

Everyone said she was a friendly bird. It took a while for her to settle in but eventually her rambunctious personality came out. She sings a lovely "Tra-La-La" and yells "Mom, hurry up!" in a cranky old lady voice when she's hungry. She says "Hi Alberta". When she says "Bye-bye", the tone in her old lady voice makes it sound like "Don't let the door hit you on the way out".

She came in to Mickaboo's care with a lot of health problems. Besides arthritis, an eye problem and a wing that dangled from an untreated fracture, Alberta had an abdominal hernia. When Alberta went to the vet to see what could be done to improve her comfort, the biggest priority was repairing her abdominal hernia. She had had this hernia for more than 25 years. It was repaired in September 2016 at a cost of \$1,652. With her hernia repaired, Alberta had a lot more energy.

Dr. Gianapolis at Medical Center for Birds met Alberta this year and the two of them fell in love. Dr. G, as she is affectionately called, tried to not give in. Fortunately for everyone, she failed to resist Alberta's charms. Everyone at Mickaboo wishes the very best to Alberta and her new mom.