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The Telegraph Hill Conures of Mickaboo
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I'm sure that many of you are familiar with the fabulous wild parrots of San Francisco, as featured in the movie "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill" - but did you know that Mickaboo has taken in 158 of them since 2003?

All these birds come to us either sick or injured, incurring significant vet fees. Mickaboo supports the treatment to help these birds recover their health. If they return to full health, we put them back where they belong. If not, we run a conure dating agency allowing each bird to choose a partner to pair with, so they may remain part of a (small) flock, and we foster them and adopt them out in pairs.

Out of these 158 birds...

- 23 are in foster care
- 53 have been adopted
- 24 have successfully gone home to the wild flock to which they belong
- 3 unfortunately escaped
- 55 have died



Justin tasting the walls of his hospital tank

We have taken in record numbers of sick birds in the last couple years, prompting us to participate in a major study with avian veterinarians and academics to find the cause of common neurological issues that we see. We will have more to share on this soon.

In the meantime, we continue to help these adorable flying mascots of San Francisco. We are their last resort in their hour of need - whether it's April, who came in completely scalped after a hawk attack, Mooshi, who had a hole punched right through her beak by a hawk, Julian, who broke his 'hip' twice and had to be kept in a cast, or Jones, who was found sick as a baby on a San Francisco resident's rear deck (where his parents then visited for several days afterwards, looking for him). Our vet bills for these birds regularly run into the thousands and so far, we have never turned one away.



Mooshi, with punctured beak



Julian in his hip cast



Mooshi and Julian after recovery

Please join me in making a contribution to Mickaboo as we close out 2018, allowing us to continue to help these special, intelligent, and playful birds. Thank you so much for your support!

[Editor's note: a Challenge Grant is in place until midnight PT on December 31, 2018, matching all donations received by Mickaboo at 33% until funds run out.]

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