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A Weekend in the Life of a Volunteer

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Mickaboo, as an all-volunteer organization, runs on the passion and dedication of individuals who selflessly take time out of their busy lives to help our special birds. Even so, there are moments that stand out. Here is a peek at one volunteer's memorable weekend:

Saturday morning, early, collect PJ (greencheek conure, being surrendered in San Mateo).

Saturday morning, still early, pick up a cockatiel with an injury from the Santa Cruz shelter.

Saturday 11:30am appointments at For the Birds in San Jose:

- Sansome (conure) for his second nebulizing treatment
- PJ for health check
- Santa Cruz cockatiel for health check
- collect Miles and Jones (conures)

Saturday afternoon: head to San Francisco to drop off Miles and Jones at their new home

Sunday: Potential adopters for Banksy [Editor: a bird fostered by the volunteer] coming in person. Hoping to sign adoption papers!

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PJ, the greencheek conure, was surrendered when it became clear his health needed attention and his owner could not afford the costs. The vet exam done after Mickaboo took him found no medical reasons for his feather condition. The veterinarian believes that years of living in a happy hut and under towels, engaging in nesting behavior, caused a hormonal condition resulting in severe feather chewing damage. We hope changes in his diet and environment will mitigate further damage.



PJ, greencheek conure

PJ is in his early teens and is on a pellet-based diet. He speaks some English words and whistles a few tunes. PJ is available for adoption. Email coordinator-conure@mickaboo.org to express your interest.



Bradley, cockatiel from Santa Cruz shelter

Bradley, the cockatiel rescued from the Santa Cruz shelter, had his wing injured under unknown circumstances. He was treated for that and remains at the veterinary clinic for observation.

Banksy, a red-throated conure, was indeed adopted out to his permanent home.

We hope this behind-the-scenes view into our rescue work is illuminating. We at Mickaboo couldn't do what we do without our awesome volunteers and YOUR financial support.

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