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## A Rescue Story: Charlie the Amazon

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Charlie now! We love seeing the twinkle in his eyes!

Charlie, a Yellow Crown Amazon, first came to Mickaboo through unfortunate circumstances. His guardian had passed away and he was living in an empty house with only a visitor to feed him every day. His diet had consisted of sunflower seeds for 25 years. When he was finally saved (thanks to a kind police officer) it was obvious he needed medical care for enlarged air sacs that had not been deflating properly on their own. The poor guy was a wreck after many years of neglect.

Fast forward several years to now, June 2020! Charlie is recovering wonderfully in the care of a loving foster home. Most of his air sacs deflate slowly on their own now. When he gets stressed, the air sacs inflate and it takes some time to decrease in size but he is much better off, getting the care that he needs and deserves after all that he has been through.

He says "How are you today?" and "I love you". He allows head scratches, especially on his cheeks. He also likes to jabber with his friend, Ike. Sometimes the jabbering even turns into an argument! They sound like an old couple yelling at each other, though it always ends with gleeful laughter.



Charlie, when he first came to Mickaboo



Charlie is a healthier bird now

[Editor: Charlie is available for adoption! See more information about him [here](#), and contact his adoption coordinator [here](#). You can help us with the vet care costs for Charlie and Mickaboo's other rescue birds [using this link](#).]