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Adoption Success Story: MeiMei, The Love of My Life By Marga Franz, Adopter



I am blessed and privileged to have adopted MeiMei (Mickaboo knows her as Maggie) back in 2004. MeiMei's ankle bracelet said she was born in 1995 and although she was known as an 'older' bird, her described personality seemed like a good fit with me and my other bird, Martin. MeiMei turned 20 years young this year and is going strong. She loves to eat all sorts of leafy vegetables, corn, bread, all kinds of rice, tortillas, fruits, and Zupreem fruit pellets (her favorite are the red ones). After six years she warmed up to Martin, who has had a major crush on her all these years, and lets him prune her [feathers]. Although he would love for this relationship to blossom into something more, she is perfectly content to have his affections be directed towards pruning.

When I adopted her, I was told that a kind Samaritan found her wandering in a parking lot, completely featherless. This person turned her in to Mickaboo in Pacifica and she was lovingly nursed back to perfect health. While at Mickaboo, she was diagnosed with a fatty liver, most likely from eating fatty bird food and she was quickly started on a better diet.

I get the sense she was an only bird, one that was caged most of her life because her flying skills have never been very coordinated. Although tame, she initially only allowed me to pet and scratch her head. I am thankful that she now lets me hold her, prune her head and even gives me kisses!

I have absolutely loved coming home to my little girl all these years, spending quiet time with her, and look forward to many more years with her. Thank you all for all the amazing medical work you have done all these years, and for giving these little guys all the love you do!

