

Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue
Virtual Adoption Fair 6/6/2020 - Selected Q&A

#	Question	Answer(s)
1	I am based in India. Will I get a bird if I complete the courses and classes even though I am in foreign lands?	I'm very sorry but we can only adopt to homes near the bay area where we can transfer the bird in person. Thank you so much for supporting parrot rescue!
2	I was hoping to see Blue Fronted Amazon parrot Ike live. Will that happen today?	We have a double yellow headed amazon to show today. We do not have a blue fronted during our event but we'd be happy to talk to you
3	Hi Guys! Will you be showing the Pionus pair today?	We don't have any pionus today, but we're happy to follow up with you about them :)
4	Will you be showing adoptable Parakeets today?	Yes, we'll be showing Peewee who is a female budgie available for adoption :)
5	My first question was does Mickaboo use a standard pellet because I would like to continue with what they are given. The other question was I wanted two but I have been told by a bird trainer that if I want to have them bond with me I need to keep them in separate cages, is that true?	We start with what your existing birds already eat, and work from there. You must be careful and weigh them regularly if you are attempting to change their diet. If you have a pair, that does not change how well they can adapt to your environment.. the trick is to work with them every day, even if only for 5 minutes.
6	How do birds adapt to travel and relocation? Especially little birds	That depends a lot on the birds, but we recommend that you give them 2-3 weeks to adapt.
8	I know you said they [the lovebirds] are not hand tamed, but do they like head scratches	These two lovelies aren't able to get head scratches yet
9	How does Jim grow sprouted seeds? Are there directions on the Mickaboo website?	We recommend caution because of the danger of mold, so we don't publish recommendations. Sprouted seeds mold easily, it is a risk that many vets get concerned about.
10	Were the lovebirds different species? or just different color variations like budgies.	They are just different variations :) there are lots of species of parrots, though!
13	Are we going to see any of the cherry conures today?	Yes we will be meeting Jellybean and Sebastien! We are also happy to talk to you afterwards :)
14	Will you be showing any macaws today?	Not live, but you'll see Hala the milligold macaw in our credits video today as we sign off.
15	Could Beasley go in an aviary with budgies and cockatiels?	We don't usually recommend that.. we recommend that birds do not mix species in their spaces but we can discuss with you
17	When we adopt, will we know the approximate age of the birds?	It depends very much on the bird. Sometimes we have an idea of their age, sometimes we do not, it's part of rescue that we don't always know that much about them.
18	That is amazing. I am very interested in Capp as well. I adopted an abused cherry headed conure about 20 years ago. He lived with us for 10 years and died suddenly of a heart attack. I am now in a position of giving a great home to a bird. My daughter is 10 and we want give a great home to an amazing bird.	Thanks! We try to pair up the injured or sick wild SF conures we take in, as they are used to living in a flock.
21	I had emailed saying that I am interested in one or possibly both of these birds. when will I find out if I am eligible to adopt them?	Have you put in an application? Usually you would hear from us about starting the education/adoption learning process. You have to take our basic bird care class, and then do our phone call interview and then our home visit via video chat.
22	How old is the ringneck?	Taz is 6 years old. Jolie's age is unknown because we don't know how old she was when she came to us. She is at least 6 years old and has been estimated to be around 15 years old. Jolie thinks of herself as an ageless beauty.
23	Is Taz up for adoption?	Yes
24	I'm also interested in the cost of adopting these birds. I know that it's different for every bird, but giving a starting point and ending point would be good.	It depends on the species. Conures are around \$150 and it goes up or down depending on the birds.

25	Does she like dogs?	I'm sorry, she's had no exposure to dogs and so we do not know. We do not generally recommend that our birds have any exposure to dogs. It is dangerous for them.
26	We have pet chickens who live outside but sometimes come inside. Do we need to worry about any viral contamination or anything else keeping a parrot as well?	Hi! You definitely should ensure that you keep your materials separate, in terms of dishes, exposure, take off your boots etc when you come indoors. Be careful regarding virulent newcastle disease.
30	How about an Eclectus?	We don't have any eclectus joining today but we do have several looking for homes. Please reach out to us! mail@mickaboo.org
34	Can Indian Ringnecks learn to talk?	Some of them can, yes, but it is never guaranteed!
35	I'm also intersted in being a foster. I have a ton of knowledge and I know that there are few people who have the knowledge and the ability to take care of birds. I do have a beautiful big cage at this point, I just want to help.	Please email the species team you'd liek to help foster. For example - coordinator-amazon@mickaboo.org . We always need more foster homes! thank you so much <3
37	By exposure, do you mean in the same house? Is it recommended not to adopt with other pets in the house?	Exposure between backyard poultry and indoor avian pets should be limited. Please discuss with your avian vet to ensure that you are comfortable with your birds and their exposure! Thank you so much.
38	What is the dimensions of the cage you have the Amazon in?	We don't have the exact numbers to hand, but we will ensure any amazon adopter discusses appropriate cage dimensions with any adopter — coordinator-amazon@mickaboo.org - thank you!
41	how can I adopt a bird?	You must first take our free care class, then do a phone interview and home visit. Check out our website www.mickaboo.org and click on 'how to adopt'. Thank you!
42	Will the conures come with their cage	It depends. Often we will adopt out birds with their cages for an extra donation, if the cage is suitable and the adoptive home needs one.
44	I really love the conures, how old are they	The conures did not come to us with vet records. Based on the amount of time we have had them, we estimate they are both around 9 years old.
47	Could a budgie and a cockatiel live in the same cage?	It's possible, it's one of the few interspecies combinations that can work out! Our species coordinators will be able to advise you.
48	Which birds are better for people who have allergies?	Poicephalus is a relatively less dusty bird. One of our volunteers has COPD and a conure, and is doing well. African greys, and all Australian birds (cockatoos, cockatiels, budgies) are dusty.
49	What size cage would you recommend for one cockatiel	Our cockatiel team will make a recommendation for you based on the bird you are adopting.
50	What about flighted birds in a home with large picture windows?	We'd do an evaluation with you in your home during the home visit and help you ensure the windows are flagged, and visible to your birds, so that they can safely navigate your home.
51	Can we adopt a parrot if we live in a 2 bedroom apartment?	Yes, we just need to help you evaluate the space you live in and make sure a bird can have an enriched life with you in the space you have, and make sure it is suitable.
52	Will a volunteer be able to teach me how to do it wing clipping myself?	I can do that
53	Are smaller birds recommended more than larger ones for beginners?	Hi, usually yes. We are always happy to advise you when you apply to adopt from us.
57	If my current birds are used to mostly seeds, what is the best way to get them more used to pellets?	We'd be happy to discuss with you! Lots of options, from using moist pellets to making a mash, to making cakes, to weighing them regularly to make sure that they are being converted safely. Ping us for more ideas! mail@mickaboo.org .
60	What is the cockatiel food again? Nutri something?	Nutri-an cakes are recommended!
62	I have questions in regards to parakeet "Ocean" who should I contact	You can contact coordinator-parakeet@mickaboo.org