

AUSTIN AVIAN RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

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All applicants must live in the State of Texas and must be able to attend our scheduled sessions on bird care prior to receiving a bird. After review of your application, we will contact you about your visits to Austin Avian Rescue and Rehabilitation to get to know your bird and how to care for it. We charge an adoption fee for all birds adopted from AARR. The amount of the fee varies by species.

If you are applying to adopt a bird larger than a cockatiel and you are currently renting, you must submit a written authorization from your landlord along with a phone number where he/she can be reached.

Confidential Permanent Bird Adoption Application

Bird ownership is a serious responsibility. The policy of AARR is to insure that each person who adopts a bird is aware of this responsibility and that they are morally, financially, and physically capable of accepting it. The following application has been designed to aid both you and us in determining whether you and your family are the type of owners that we seek for the birds at AARR. Please answer all the questions and feel free to explain any answers and/or add any comments. If a question does not apply, please write N/A.

NAME _____

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER/ROOMMATE _____

CHILDREN'S AGES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

OCCUPATION OF SPOUSE, ETC. _____

IF THIS RELATIONSHIP WERE TO CHANGE, WHO WOULD KEEP THE BIRD? _____

DO ALL ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD KNOW YOU ARE ADOPTING A BIRD? Y N

WHO WILL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BIRD'S CARE? _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY BIRDS NOW? Y N

IF YES, WHAT SPECIES? _____

HAVE YOU HAD BIRDS IN THE PAST? Y N

IF YES, WHAT SPECIES? _____

WHAT IS YOUR BASIC WEEKLY SCHEDULE?

WEEKDAYS _____

EVENINGS _____

WEEKENDS _____

HOW MANY HOURS PER DAY WOULD THE BIRD BE LEFT ALONE? _____

JERRY NOLAN
PRESIDENT

Type of Dwelling (circle One): House Condo Apartment Other Rent Own

If you rent, do you have landlord's permission to have a bird? Y N

(Please provide written proof if adopting a bird larger than a cockatiel)

Landlord's Name and Phone # _____

Do you, or does anyone in your house, smoke? Y N

Would you allow an inspection of and post-adoption followup visit to your premises by an AARR volunteer?

What other pets do you have? (Please be specific)

What species of bird are you primarily interested in? _____

Why?

Are you interested in adopting a bird for breeding purposes? Y N

Are you planning to keep your adopted birds in an aviary situation? Y N

If yes, indoors or outdoors? _____

What would you do if you came home one day and found your bird on the bottom of the cage, obviously ill?

Please list at least one name, address and phone number of someone we can contact in case of emergency.

How important are these characteristics in a pet bird? (Rate on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being unimportant and 5 being crucial)

Color ____ Size ____ Intelligence ____ Price/Value ____ Companionship ____ Cuddliness ____

Ease of Care ____ Talking ____ Personality ____ Uniqueness ____

Do you travel a great deal? Y N

When you are away, who will care for the bird?

What do you feed an exotic bird? (Be specific)

Are you aware that bird medicine is very different from dog and cat medicine and that your bird will need to be seen by an avian vet should the bird get sick and for regular checkups? Y N

Are you aware that avian medicine can be very expensive should your bird get sick? Y N

If your bird does become ill, will it be a financial burden for you? Y N

If yes, would you like for it to go to the vet anyway? Y N

Would it be a hardship for you to take your bird to an avian vet for checkups? Y N

Do you know an avian veterinarian? Y N

If so, who?

What vet hospital does s/he work for? _____

In what city? _____

Would you like us to recommend an avian vet? Y N

Are you aware that exotic birds may develop bad habits like destruction of clothing, furniture, draperies or anything within reach; biting; screaming; dislike of strangers or your mate; leaving droppings everywhere and that these habits can be difficult to break; that they require a great deal of attention and maintenance; that they can be expensive to feed, to keep healthy and entertained? Y N

If the bird does develop a bad habit, what would you do?

Under what circumstances would you NOT like to keep the bird?

Moving _____ Divorce/Separation _____ New Baby _____ New Job _____ Allergy _____ Does not get along with other pets _____ New Relationship _____ Bird develops serious illness _____ Prefers one person over another _____

How did you learn about AARR? _____

Please list at least two references, with name, address and phone number:

If your application is approved for adoption, and you are unable to keep the bird for any reason, you must immediately notify AARR and arrange to return the bird. The bird must remain in your home; you may not give or sell the bird to anyone else without the prior approval of AARR.

You must provide AARR with a change of address if you move.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Austin Avian Rescue and Rehabilitation reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant. If approved, this application becomes a part of the adoption contract. Because of the responsibilities involved in pet ownership and the possibility of incurring costs associated with veterinarian care, all applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: Answering yes or no to any of the above questions will not necessarily result in your disqualification as an adopting parent. Our sole interest rests with the birds. All answers to these questions will be used to determine which home is best for any given situation.