

**The care and health of our rescues mean everything.**

To ensure that every rescue receives the best placement possible, we requests that every adopter is educated on the responsibilities involved with their new companion bird. Our policy requires that an Adoption Specialist meets with potential adopters in their homes, prior to adoption. We may also make follow up contacts to inquire the status of the animal after they have joined the family. Photos and stories emailed to us are always greatly appreciated.

Name (*Adopter/Foster*) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (*Interviewer*) \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Is the home clean?  
 Yes  No
- 2. Does the home smell like smoke?  
 Yes  No
- 3. Does the home smell of other strong perfumes or scents that can irritate birds' highly sensitive lungs and air sacs such as incense, candles, or cleaners?  
 Yes  No
- 4. Are there any live plants accessible to birds? If so, they need to be bird-safe species or need to be made inaccessible.  
 Yes  No
- 5. Are there Teflon/Non-Stick cookware/appliances in the house? If so, explain the dangers (*see attached #3*).  
 Yes  No
- 6. Are there other non-bird pets in the house? Note possible concerns regarding predator species such as dogs, cats, ferrets, or large reptile that could harm/kill birds.  
 Yes  No
- 7. Is the owner planning on placing the cage in a warm, secure, and safe area? Avoid placing cages completely against a window, in the kitchen, or anywhere where temperature fluctuations, draft, or excessive heat can occur. Also make mention birds need undisturbed 10-12 hours of sleep per night. Suggest night cage or cage placement that would allow for this.  
 Yes  No
- 8. Does the potential adopter already have a cage?  
 Yes  No
- 9. If so, is the cage large enough for the bird to stretch & flap its wings comfortably?  
 Yes  No
- 10. Is the bar-spacing large enough for the bird to fit its head through the bars?  
 Yes  No

- 11. Are there at least 3 varieties of perches & textures? Sand perches should be avoided. Encourage proper beak and nail grooming by a professional.  
 Yes  No
- 12. Are the wings and nails clipped? Explain the importance of proper grooming.  
 Yes  No
- 13. Make sure there is a variety of toys specific to that species size. Does potential adopter understands that these should be rotated out with others at least monthly for stimulation of the bird?  
 Yes  No
- 14. Does the potential adopter understand they need to institute quarantine for the new bird if they already have existing birds? (Minimum 30 days).  
 Yes  No
- 15. Does the owner understand that a proper diet for most species of birds consists of 70% pellet and 30% fresh fruits and vegetables with seeds as treats only? Or understand a special diet if an unusual species (i.e. eclecticus)?  
 Yes  No
- 16. Does the potential adopter understand how much food to offer? Birds offered an unlimited supply will often pick out just their favorites and not have a nutritionally balanced diet.  
 Yes  No
- 17. Is the condition of any currently owned birds good? Check the eyes (clear and bright), the nares (pink or tan, no swelling), the chest (should not see an extreme point from the keel nor should it have "cleavage"), the feet (should not be swollen, if the bird climbs on the cage, check for sores or pressure points), the feathers (should be in good condition, excessive broken or discolored tail feathers often indicate inadequate cage size). Don't jump to conclusions, some birds may be special needs with chronic issues. Inquire.  
 Yes  No

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