



SAFEHAVEN PARROT REFUGE

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Web site: www.safehavenparrotrefuge.co.uk

APPLICATION TO REHOME A PARROT (species)

The information you supply is used to ensure that the bird(s) for which you are applying goes to the best possible home. If you are accepted as a Parrot Guardian you may be visited by a Safehaven Representative to ensure that you are aware of the responsibilities entailed in re-homing a Safehaven bird. Any bird placed in your care remains under the Ownership of Safehaven Parrot Refuge for its entire life. You will not be able to sell it or give it away to another party. If at any time you feel unable to continue to Care for any birds in your care they MUST be returned to SPR. You will be asked to sign a legal document to this effect. It is also required that you remain a Member of the Charity for the whole time the bird(s) is/are in your care. This Membership is renewable annually by way of a photo and update and assurance of renewed insurance cover, many people annually support us with a donation, extremely gratefully received, but not enforced, the welfare of the Parrot in your care our primary concern, though the Parrots in our permanent residential care would benefit from an annual donation.

If the bird is to be kept in a cage it should have daily periods of freedom. **Parrots can damage furniture and household items very easily and are usually very messy. They are also very vocal, with each individual species having a variable degree of noise levels. When caring for a parrot it is nothing short of parenting a permanent toddler, and their lifespan can average 50 years or more.**

IF THE ABOVE FACTS ARE OF SOME CONCERN TO YOU, DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS APPLICATION.
PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK ONLY

Membership No Date Joined

Name 1. _____ Age Male Female

Occupation _____ Full Part time Retired Unemployed

Name 2. _____ Age Male Female

Occupation _____ Full Part time Retired Unemployed

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone No. (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Type of Housing DETACHED SEMI-DET TERRACED FLAT MAISONETTE OTHER

Children living at home YES NO How Many Ages

How many Bird(s) already in household Species

Other animals in household

What type of Parrot species are you applying for?

Reason for this choice

Are you applying for PET Bird(s) Aviary Bird(s) Would you breed from this/these Bird(s) YES NO

If you breed from the birds, what do you intend to do with any young produced

Would you be prepared to take more than one Bird if we had a pair that could not be separated? YES NO

Part One – Personal Information

1. Does the whole family want a parrot like Bird? YES NO

2. Does any of your family suffer from asthma or any other allergies? YES NO

(If yes please give details)

3. Do you or any of your family smoke? YES NO

4. What course of action would you take, regarding your bird(s), if your personal situation changed dramatically i.e. relationship problems, job loss/relocation, long term illness etc.

5. Do you know of, and have access to, a good Avian Vet in your area or nearby? YES NO
If YES Please give name and phone number.)

6. If you have another family pet, i.e. Dog or Cat, how do you propose to establish a safe and successful relationship between them and your birds?

7. Who will care for your Bird(s) during your holidays?

8. Are you a member of any other Animal/Bird Welfare Society, Charity or Organisation? YES NO
(If yes, please state name and Telephone Number of Organisation(s))

9. Do you subscribe to, or read regularly, any bird magazine(s)
(If Yes please list)

YES NO

10. A Rescued Bird may come with some veterinary expenses, it is possible that some of these expenses could continue for further treatment, or a healthy bird may require veterinary treatment due to illness or accident at some time in the future, would you be able:

a. To pay veterinary fees to ensure the continued health and well-being of your Fostered Bird YES NO

b. To offer a home to a bird that is a feather plucker/disabled YES NO

Reason for answer: _____

11. How did you hear about SPR _____

a. Are you prepared to remain a member of this charity whilst you home a Safehaven Bird? YES NO

12. Additional information which you think may assist us in deciding which bird would be best suited to you.

Part Two – Avian Experience

13 Do you have any previous avian experience?

YES NO

(If YES please list species of birds and state how long you have had experience with each type.)

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14 Please give dimensions and details of type of cage(s) your existing Birds are housed in:

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15. What type of perches do you use, or would you use:

Plastic Dowelling Natural Other

16. How do you intend to house your bird (should your application be successful)

Cage Aviary

(Please note that cage and aviary sizes have to be approved and meet SPR's requirements)

a. State type and dimensions of proposed cage (if applicable)

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b. What type of flooring material will you use in the birds cage (i.e. newspaper, sawdust etc.)

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c. State the dimensions of the proposed aviary, type, structure and materials used (including base material and gauge of wire). (Also give dimensions of any structure attached to the aviary)

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d. Is the aviary inhabited by any birds at present?

YES NO

(If yes, please state number and species of birds)

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17. Will the Bird be kept with others in the same:

ROOM - YES NO With How Many

(If YES Please List Species)

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CAGE - - YES NO With How Many

(If YES Please List Species)

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AVIARY YES NO With How Many

(If YES Please List Species)

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18. If the bird is to be a companion, which room of your house do you intend to keep it in?

19. What type of tree branches do you intend to use in the Bird's cage/aviary

20. Where do you intend to collect/cut fresh branches?

21. How often would you change these branches?

22. What diet (i.e. foodstuffs) would you feed the bird on?

a. Please list what you think the regular food items should be:

<input type="text"/>

b. Please list what you would consider a 'treat' for the bird in the way of foodstuffs:

<input type="text"/>

c. Please list the foodstuffs which you would NOT feed the bird:

<input type="text"/>

23. How would you handle a fussy Eater? _____

24. For how long a period would you continue to offer rejected food items and how would you compensate for the fact your bird(s) is/are not getting a good, rounded diet containing all the body needs?

25. Could you explain in your own words, the reason why amino acids, minerals and trace elements are so important to the well being of your bird(s) and how will you go about providing these in your birds diet.
(You do not have to write a scientific reply, just show a basic understanding.)

26 Could/do you provide any food supplements or additives? YES NO
(If YES Please specify)

27. How do you ensure that the birds feathers are kept in good condition? _____

28 Do you believe in wing clipping ? YES NO

Please State Reason for Answer _____

29. What type of mental stimulation do you provide for your own birds, or intend to provide for your Foster Bird?

30. How much time, on a daily basis, do you (or intend to) give your bird/s freedom and exercise outside of the cage?

31 Do you have a Garden? YES NO

If YES how many times a week would you allow your bird(s) access to fresh air and for how long (weather permitting)?

Where would you situate the cage

32. How many hours would the bird(s) remain on its/their own during the day?

Part Three – Knowledge of Bird Behaviour

Please explain how you would react to and/or handle the following situations.

A. If your bird became ill, with no apparent physical injuries, what would be the first action taken by you:

B. Your bird(s) started plucking out its feathers: _____

C. Your bird(s) started excessive screaming for attention: _____

D. Your usually placid and gentle bird(s) started to bite hard and showed fits of rage: _____

E. The bird is terrified of a brand new play gym/toy/perch you have just bought: _____

F. The bird shows signs of severe agitation and/or fear when sprayed with warm water: _____

G. Your normally lively and playful bird becomes quiet and listless: _____

H. The bird will only be approached and touched by ONE member of your family: _____

I. The bird shows aggression to the primary carer and affection towards another member of the family: _____

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Are you aware that Safehaven encourages Carers to keep the previous owner up to date with the birds' progress and provide photographs and occasional access if requested?

YES NO

Comment (if any) _____

2. There will be an administration charge according to the species of bird(s) and a further donation is expected if the bird comes fully equipped with cage and accessories. Are you prepared to accept this charge?

YES NO

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CHARGE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO APPENDIX 1 BIRDS.

3. Safehaven birds in care are subject to regular check ups and home visits by one of our representatives, are you willing to allow this?

YES NO

4. Do you understand that if a Safehaven representative visits you and feels that the bird(s) is/are neglected or ill treated, the bird(s) may be removed from your care immediately, with no prior notice?

YES NO

5. Do you agree to take the best possible care of your Bird and contact a representative of Safehaven should you have any queries or concerns about the bird's needs and welfare?

YES NO

6. Will you be insuring the Bird against illness (please note that SPR recommend that you insure the bird against vet's bills only)?

YES NO

7. Because Safehaven try to match the bird and prospective home as closely as possible, it could be possible that you may be on our waiting list for a suitable bird for some time. Are you prepared to wait?

YES NO

Comment: _____

8. Would you be willing to travel to collect your Bird? YES many Miles

9. Some of the birds that Safehaven take in for re-homing may have been mentally or physically abused to some degree. We would like to point out that in some cases it may take months or even years for an abused bird to regain its trust of mankind. Are you prepared to put in the time and effort it will need to rehabilitate your Foster Bird?

YES NO

10. There will be a transportation cost incurred from moving the bird from the Donor to yourself, would you be willing to cover part of this cost. (Approx. costs will be between £50-£80)

YES NO

NOTE

Would you please provide an additional name and address, in case of emergency or contact failure.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel No: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form, we appreciate that some of this information may seem unnecessary to you, but every small piece of information you can give us is important and helps us assess which bird would be the *right* one for you. Each bird is an individual and therefore has individual needs and requirements. Please be assured that we will be in contact with you very shortly to let you know the outcome of your application. When you have completed this application form please return it to:

**Christine Forman
8 Hillend Close
Twyning
Tewkesbury
Glos.
GL20 6DS**

Tel: 01684 850466

Please allow 10-14 days for processing this application.

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