

## **Application for Adoption/Foster Placement Florida Parrot Rescue.**

A 501c3, non-profit organization

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Adoption Foster into qualified, non-breeding homes is the preferred option for most parrots and other captive birds. Caring for an exotic captive bird requires a serious commitment -- especially if the bird is older and has suffered from neglect, abuse, or ignorance on the part of its former human companion.

### **What Animals Are Available for Adoption / Foster Placement Through FPR?**

While we have far more animals than qualified adoptive / foster homes, we are very protective of the individuals we have come to know and care for. We carefully screen prospective adopters / fosters with home visits and interviews, assessing their ability to provide patience, quality care, stability, and love. A Potential Adopter's / Foster's preference for a specific species/breed of bird is respected, but it does not determine which bird will be placed with the Potential Adopter / Foster. An animal is placed in a home that can provide for the animal's best mental, emotional, psychological, and financial interests.

### **How Do I Adopt / Foster from FPR? - The Adoption/Foster Placement Process**

In order to insure that an animal is placed in the environment best suited to meet his/her needs, all applicants must successfully complete the Adoption/Foster Placement Process. All placements will be made in the best interest of the animal. The Adoption/Foster Placement Process may require, but is not limited to:

1. A thoroughly completed Adoption/Foster Placement Application. Original signatures are REQUIRED.
2. A phone or personal interview with a FPR board member.
3. Two (2) references from people who have known you for 5 years or more.
4. One (1) reference from your regular veterinarian. (If you do not have a vet we ask that you contact FPR for assistance with this step.) All dogs and cats owned must be up to date on all vaccinations and dogs on heartworm prevention. All birds owned must have seen a vet within the past year with certain testing in place, not just wing and nail trims.
5. An initial home visit from an FPR representative.
6. The Potential Adopter(s) / Foster(s) must provide an enlarged copy of his/her (or their) current and valid Driver's License(s).
7. Subsequent scheduled home visits from an FPR representative.
8. Written agreement to all terms of the Adoption/Foster Placement Contract.

The FPR Board of Directors, or its appointee(s) and/or the Adoption/Foster Placement Committee thoroughly consider all Adoption/Foster Placement applications.

Adoption/Foster Placements are approved or denied based on the submitted Adoption/Foster Placement Applications, interviews, home visits, references, recommendations of the Adoption/Foster Placement Committee and/or FPR representative, and, when necessary, a majority vote of the FPR Board of Directors. In addition, some applicants may be required to adhere to additional Adoption/Foster Placement Process requirements before the Adoption/Foster Placement of an individual animal is approved.

Individuals who are approved for Adoption/Foster placement are required to obtain an FPR-approved cage, toys and food for the animal to be adopted, participate in FPR educational classes, demonstrate a clear understanding

of the individual animal's needs, agree to follow-up phone calls and visits from a FPR Volunteer, and sign a legally binding Adoption/Foster Placement Contract. FPR directors, volunteers, family, friends, and associates must meet the same stringent criteria to become an approved FPR adoption/foster placement home.

The Potential Adopter / Foster must have made arrangements to purchase an FPR-approved cage such that when asked, the Potential Adopter/Foster can supply the manufacturer, style/model number, and purchase price of the cage.

FPR Volunteers work closely with adopters/fosters throughout the Adoption/Foster Placement Process and after the animal has been placed in his/her new home to insure a successful adjustment and the continued well-being of the adopted/fostered placed animal.

Many applications are denied because of failure to meet FPR requirements for adoptive/foster homes. Applicants who are denied as an FPR adoption/foster placement home are contacted, in writing, by e-mail, or through a personal phone call from a FPR Director or the Adoption/Foster Placement Committee Director. An applicant previously approved as an FPR adoption/foster Placement home may or may not be approved to adopt/foster a specific individual bird or multiple birds from FPR.

Note: Due to favorable publicity, media coverage, and enthusiastic friends and other bird lovers, FPR receives many applications. There is a growing list of applicants and it may be 2 -4 weeks before our volunteers are able to schedule interviews and home visits. Please be patient...animals are worth the wait!

### **What Are FPR Adoption/Foster Placement Restrictions?**

If a Potential Adopter/Foster lives more than 200 miles from Florida, it may be difficult to fulfill all the steps required in FPR Adoption/Foster Placement process.

It is the policy of FPR to adopt/foster place animals only with adults over 18 years of age -- minors may not apply to adopt/foster a bird. However, applications submitted by a parent or guardian of a minor will be considered, providing that the parent or guardian agrees to all terms in the Adoption/Fostering Placement Contract.

WE DO NOT SHIP ANIMALS, all potential adopters/fosters will be required to secure transport.

### **How Much Does FPR Charge for Adoption/ Placement Fees?**

FPR does not profit from the adoption/ placements fees. The adoption/placement fees are a reflection of the average cost of care provided for that bird species/breed. However, in order to maintain our programs and our high standard of animal care, we must charge reasonable adoption/placement fees. Many animals will need our care indefinitely -- some for the rest of their lives. Every dollar that FPR brings in is used to promote our mission and provide for birds in need.

The adoption/placement fees are due IN FULL at the time of adoption/placement (when contract is signed by adopter). No exceptions. The veterinary expenses incurred vary based on the individual animal's needs and is considered when adoption/placement fees are set. A copy of all available veterinary records will be made accessible to the adopter.

### **Adoption/Foster Placement General Information**

An individual who wishes to adopt/foster an animal is a potential adopter/foster (Potential Adopter/Foster) and must be in good standing with FPR.

Upon completion of the Adoption/Foster Application, and as soon as can be scheduled, FPR representatives will perform a home visit. The home visit is to ensure that a/the animal to be adopted/foster placed is being placed within the appropriate environment. FPR uncompromisingly requires the animal be placed in a home/environment that is in his/her best interests physically, mentally, emotionally, and psychologically. Subsequent home visits may be required following placement of the animal.

FPR requires the Potential Adopter/Foster be financially capable of appropriately caring for a/the animal. If necessary, the Potential Adopter/Foster may be required to show proof of financial responsibility.

The Potential Adopter/ will pay the prescheduled Placement Fee along with any outstanding avian veterinarian fees directly associated with the animal's care and treatment.

The Potential Adopter/Foster must read and understand the Adoption/Foster Placement Contract. The Potential Adopter/Foster must sign the legal and binding Placement Contract.

Failure of the Potential Adopter/Foster to successfully and appropriate comply with any of the above, or other criteria as FPR may deem appropriate, will preclude the Potential Adopter/Foster from being approved to receive any animal in FPR program.

After reviewing the above, along with previewing any of the forms and contracts, it is easy to think, "This is a long and ridiculous process!" The answer to this thought is, "Yes, and it is intended to be thorough and scrupulous." No apologies are made. All animals, are sensitive, intelligent and emotional beings deserving of our respect. Each animal deserves a life complete with gentle and loving social interaction; this includes physical, mental, emotional, and psychological wellbeing.

Frankly, FPR is NOT a pet store, it is not a pet breeder, and its mission is not to conduct or condone a "give away" or "free animal" program.

All Placement Fees and recouped expenses ensure the continuation of FPR nonprofit efforts of avian education, intervention, rescue, and placement.

Education is a fundamental focus of FPR. Regardless of how much any person knows about animal care, nutrition, behavior, training, safety, first-aid, psychology, etc. ongoing avian research through the world results in every-changing theories, procedures, treatments, and products. It is with this in mind, and the fact that caring Members and donors trust in FPR'S integrity and credibility, that our Potential Adopters/Fosters are provided a method of sharing information through interactive and educational events. These are also the reasons why FPR scrupulously and uncompromisingly applies its policies and procedures.

Bird care is a **SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY**. FPR'S policy is to insure that each person adopting/fostering an animal can provide suitable and appropriate housing, is morally and financially capable of providing for the animal, and is educated in proper care and nutrition for the animal. A Potential Adopter/Foster must be at least 18 years of age to adopt/foster an animal from FPR. This application is designed to provide FPR with necessary information to consider an adoption/foster placement. Please answer all questions and return to the above address. If any questions are left unanswered, an application will not be considered.

You must be over the age of 18 to submit an application.

Are you interest in adoption, fostering, or both?

If interested in adoption, which specific bird are you interested in?

Your Name

Your Partner's Name

If you have children or other people living in your home full time, please list their names, ages and relationship to you.

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Home or cell phone  Home Fax

Your e-mail  Partners e-mail

Your Employer  Your Occupation

Years Employed There  Work Hours

Your Work Address  Your Work Phone

City  State  Zip Code

Partner's Employer  Partner's Occupation

Years Employed There  Work Hours

Partner's Work Address  Partner's Work Phone

City  State  Zip Code

Who will be the primary caregiver for this pet?

Are all of the parties in this household aware this adoption application is being submitted?

What type of home is your residence? (i.e. single family home, apartment, condo, etc....)

Do you rent or own your residence?  If renting, does your landlord allow pets?

Landlord's Name  Landlord's Phone

Indicate your homes water source (i.e. city, town, well, etc..)

Does anyone in your household have a health condition (s) that could restrict his/her ability to handle/care for a pet? If yes, please describe.

Does anyone in your household have allergies? Is yes, please list.

Does anyone in your household smoke? If yes, where?

Do you currently have other animals living in your home? If yes, please list the species/breed, their names and how long they have been in your household.

Have you previously owned animals you no longer own? If yes, why do you no longer have these animals and what happened to them?

Describe your daily routine at home. If your routine differs on the weekend, please specify.

Provide the name of your current Veterinarian (and clinic name)

Clinic Address

City

State

Zip

Clinic Phone

Clinic fax

If you do not currently have a veterinarian, do you need a list of clinics in your area?

Do you need instruction and/or information regarding proper animal care and quarantine protocol?

Do you or your partner plan to make a significant change in employment or occupation in the future? If yes, please explain.

If you do not have children now, do you plan to do so in the future?

If your primary or family relationship(s) were to change significantly, would you be able to keep your commitment to an animal? Why or why not?

If your living and/or financial situation were to change dramatically, would you be able to keep an animal? Why or why not?

Please describe the lifestyle changes you might anticipate over the next 5 years? 10 years? 25 years?

When you travel or go on an extended vacation, who cares for your animals?

What provisions have you made for your pets in the event of illness or death?

How did you learn about FPR?

What experience do you have with animals?

What resources have you consulted on the proper care of animals?

What is the most important characteristic you are looking for in an animal?

What type of animal are you interested in adopting? Why this species?

What resources have you consulted on this particular species?

What are some of the traits/needs particular to this species?

Explain proper care and nutrition for this species.

Explain proper housing and enrichment requirements for this species.

Are you interested in adopting for breeding purposes? List other animal species you currently breed.

If your adopted animal developed a behavioral problem, how would you deal with the problem?

Reference # 1 Name (that you have know for more than 5 years, not including relatives)

Address  City  State  Zip

Phone  E-mail

Reference # 2 Name (that you have know for more than 5 years, not including relatives)

Address  City  State  Zip

Phone  E-mail

By signing below, I am agreeing to the conditions and items contained within this document;

and Further, I understand that this document is legal and binding;

and Further, I understand that if I am allowed to adopt an animal, the animal must remain in my personal home and under my personal care; and

and Further, I understand that for four consecutive years following the date of an adoption (of an animal), FPR may legally and lawfully remove the animal from my possession for Just Cause (outlined in Adoption/Placement Contract);

and Further, I understand and agree that if my circumstances and/or contact information change, I understand I must contact FPR immediately and forward any changes to my address(es) and/or phone number(s) to FPR immediately;

and I also agree to allow FPR to contact my references and perform any background checking prior to approval of this application.

**NOTE: POTENTIAL ADOPTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING AN ENLARGED COPY OF HIS/HER/THEIR VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE(S) IF ADOPTION IS APPROVED.**

Potential Adopters will need to sign an additional adoption contract if they are approved to adopt, before they can take possession of their new family member.

Signature of Potential Adopter  Date

Signature of Partner (if that applies)  Date

Adopters Printed Name and Drivers License Number (and state issued)

Partner's Printed Name and Drivers License Number (and state issued)