

Hernando Reptile and Exotics Rescue Inc

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Bird Adoption Application

Exotic bird ownership is a serious responsibility and the adoption of an unwanted or rescued bird can introduce a myriad of additional factors which need to be considered. Hernando Reptile and Exotics Rescue, Inc. wants to be certain you understand what you are in for before you make the decision to adopt a bird. We also want to be certain we know enough about you to feel confident we are placing the bird into a satisfactory environment. Thank you for your interest in adopting a bird from us!

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please answer all the questions below and use additional sheets or the back of this form if you need more space. Please write "N/A" if a question is not applicable to you or your situation. All questions must be answered for the application to be processed.

1) Do you subscribe to any avian related publications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which one(s)? _____

2) Your occupation: _____

3) Spouse/SIG's occupation: _____

4) Do all adults in your household know you plan to adopt a bird? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5) Are over the age of 21? _____

6) Are there any children in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list gender and ages: _____

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If no, are you planning to have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7) Does anyone in the household object to adopting a bird? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8) Are there any other pets (not birds) in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list quantity, species, and ages: _____

9) Are you planning to purchase or adopt any other pets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what species? _____

10) Type of home: ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Other: _____

11) Do you own or rent your home? ☐ Own ☐ Rent

12) Do you have your landlord's, homeowners, or condo association's written permission to keep exotic birds? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

13) If you or someone else in the household is a smoker, will be you able to provide a smoke-free environment for the bird? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (no smokers in the household) If yes, how? _____

14) Does anyone in the household have asthma or allergies, COPD, emphysema ☐ Yes ☐ No

15) Do you or anyone else in the household have previous experience with exotic birds? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, who and how many years with which species? _____

16) Are there any pet birds already in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list quantity, species, and how long you've had them: _____

17) Have you owned pets (birds or others) in the past that you no longer have?

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☐Yes ☐No If yes, please list (on the back of this form or on a separate piece of paper) what species, how long you had them, and why they're no longer with you (if they died, list cause of death).

18) Have you ever bred birds? ☐Yes ☐No If yes, what species of birds?

19) Do you currently have or know of an avian vet? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, vet's name, location, and phone #: _____

20) If you already have birds, have they been vet checked for infectious disease? ☐

Yes ☐No ☐N/A If yes, are they all healthy? ☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A

21) If you already have birds, what do you feed your bird(s)? Check all that apply: ☐

Seeds ☐Pellets ☐Fresh Vegetables ☐Fresh Fruits ☐Pasta ☐Treat Sticks

☐N/A ☐Other: _____

22) Do you feel qualified to work with special needs birds (i.e. – physical defect or psychological problems)? ☐Yes ☐No If yes, explain qualifications:

23) What would you do if your bird came to you with or developed bad habits?

24) Do you feel you are financially able to provide for a bird's needs in terms of veterinarian costs, food, housing, toys, etc.? ☐Yes ☐No

25) How much would you budget annually to care for this bird? \$ _____

26) Are you willing to keep your home at a temperature that suits the needs of your bird whether or not you are at home? ☐Yes ☐No

27) Are you aware of the fact that exotic birds can carry diseases which could be transmitted to humans? ☐Yes ☐No

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- 28) Do you know that exotic birds are capable of biting, screaming, and destroying property, and that they tend to be very messy in terms of droppings and food splattering? ☐Yes ☐No
- 29) Do you know that exotic birds NEED a lot of attention and care and that behavioral modification can take years of patience to achieve? ☐Yes ☐No
- 30) Are you prepared to put in the effort to keep the cage clean, the food and water fresh, and to work with the bird consistently and patiently daily to build a relationship of trust and companionship? ☐Yes ☐No
- 31) What species are you interested in adopting? _____
_____ Why? _____

- 32) Why are you interested in adopting rather than purchasing a companion bird?

- 33) Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the bird? ☐Moving ☐
new job ☐new baby ☐divorce, separation ☐allergy ☐other pets
other _____
- 34) Have you done any prior research on exotic bird species, care, and behavior? ☐
Yes ☐No If yes, explain: _____

- If no, are you willing to do the research prior to the adoption? ☐Yes ☐No
- 35) Do you need education in proper avian care? ☐Yes ☐No
If no, what resources are available to you? _____

- 36) Do you have a suitable cage available for the new bird? ☐Yes ☐No
- 37) What size is the cage you have? _____
- 38) Where do you plan to locate the bird's cage? _____

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- 39) Who will be the primary caregiver for the bird? _____
- 40) How much time will you or the primary caregiver have available to spend with the bird daily? _____
- 41) How many hours per weekday will the bird spend alone (without human companionship) in your home? _____ Weekends? _____
- 42) How much daily "out of cage" time do you expect to be able to provide for the bird for exercise and interaction? _____
- 43) Who would care for your bird(s) if you went on vacation or fell ill? _____
- _____
- 44) Would you consent to an inspection of your home, before and after the adoption, by a member of Hernando Reptile and Exotics Rescue, Inc.? ☐Yes ☐No
- 45) If no, are you willing to pay the \$100 home visit declination fee? ☐Yes ☐No
- 46) Do you have any plans to relocate out of the United States or out of the state of Florida? ☐Yes ☐No
- 47) How did you hear about us? _____
- 48) Are you willing to volunteer at our facility? _____
- 49) What would you expect from a parrot? _____
- _____
- 50) Do you travel frequently? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 51) Are you planning on relocating out of the state of FL or out of the country? _____
- 52) Have you or anyone in your household been convicted of a felony? _____
- 53) If so, please list charges: _____
- _____
- 54) Are you willing to keep this bird on a pellet diet?

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If there is anything else you would like to say regarding your desire or qualifications to adopt a bird, please write about it on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper.

There is non-refundable application fee of \$25. There will also be an adoption fee for each bird, which varies according to species and condition, that helps us offset the costs of helping animals in need. Donations and fees are accepted in cash or through Venmo or Cash App (they do not charge our rescue additional fees.) We do NOT accept personal checks. If approved, your application fee will be put towards the adoption fee. You will be provided with a receipt for all monies received. Adoption fees will range from \$25 to \$1000 per bird. Whenever possible, your new pet will come with their cage, however it is not always guaranteed.

ALL DONATIONS AND FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!!!

Completion of this application does not guarantee you will qualify to adopt a bird. **A criminal background check will be done.** Prior to adoption, one or more members of Hernando Reptile and Exotics Rescue, Inc. will visit your home to be sure you will be able to provide a healthy and safe environment for the bird. You have the right to refuse a home inspection, however **there is a \$100 non-refundable fee for declining to permit the visit.** This visit is not to judge your home, but simply to ensure that you are prepared to provide the best home possible for your new pet. **Anyone attempting to acquire birds for persons having lost pets to any County Animal Control or FFWC will be reported to the authorities.** An Adoption Contract must be signed prior to the bird leaving our possession.

Date: _____

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Driver's License: _____