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**HOME**

Cindy'sBirdHaven™

Welcome to Cindy's Bird Haven™ 's Official Website!

We'd like to give you a little insight as to what we are about.

Yes, the title may say "Bird Haven", but please don't be fooled......

Animals are our passion!

The goal for us it to help you to better understand the needs of your pets, and to help your pets to live a long fun-filled, caring, healthy, and loving life. Many people desire to have animals, but forget that the vacations they plan and the man-hours the job asks of them, can often leave their pets unintentionally in need of a little extra attention and interaction. So this is where WE can help. We want you to know and believe that your pet can be happy! Questions are encouraged to be asked and will always be answered promptly!

If you are in need of a pet-sitter, and feel your animal deserves better than a kennel, feel free to call. Yes, there will be a charge, but know that your animal will not be locked up, will not be treated more or less as a prisoner, but as part of the family!

Dog sitting in your home only!!

We also provide additional services for Birds, Dogs, Cats, and some other small animals. Fees do apply - Very reasonable! Please ask.

For Birds, we can clip wings and nails and teach you how to do so, yourself. We can help you and your bird get to know each other. We can also help you learn to train your bird. For Dogs, we have the skills for proper grooming, nail trimming, and training. To clarify, with our help training, we can go from teaching your beloved companion a simple command like "Sit", to a more challeging task, such as teaching your pet to behave so well they will "Sit" in the other room while the family is eating! Your Dog will even learn to wait for your approval to re-enter the room. If there are certain tricks you'd like to teach your dog, we will certainly try our best to accomadate your request. As long as it is within reason.

"I personally am very passionate about animals. I breed Cockatiels, and I love them!! I enjoy them so much, that I want others to feel the comfort and enjoyment from them as well. If you are looking for a companion who is hand tamed, talks, kisses, whistles, etc., then my birds are for you. I started out with 1 bird - a male. Then, the following Christmas I got anothe,r who turned out to be a female.... The next thing I knew, I was rescuing birds and breeding them!"

\*\*However we are currently not breeding at this time.\*\*

"Before I was a bird owner/lover, I walked into a pet store, picked up a Cockatiel, and got bit. Yes, bit! And, although it hurt a little, it was enough to make me realize that it's not fair to the animal to not get enough human interaction. My goal with all of my animals is to make sure they get one-on-one attention with me, as well as with others."

~Cindy LaFord, Owner & Founder of "Cindy's Bird Haven™ "

Our long-term goal is to set up an Animal/Bird Shelter in

Portage County, Ohio. With the help of other animal

enthusiasts, we believe that this goal is an

acheivable goal and a strong possibility!

As this is a MUCH needed and GREAT cause!

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!

"My birds' sale prices are about half the price that the pet stores charge you. AND you get the perks! - A loving bird, smart bird, happy bird! It's that simple. Money and profit might mean a lot to some people, but to others like me, it is about the well being of the birds and animals."

~Cindy Laford, Founder & Owner

Of "Cindy's Bird Haven™ "

We also sell Bird cages and accessories!!!!

**ABOUT**

*Who We Are*

     Hello my name is Cindy,

I have dedicated my life to helping animals, I am currently enrolled in a Veterinary Assisant program. Even though I've taken care of animals my whole life, but it's time for the papework so I can do more!! I'm known as "The Bird Lady," I also train, sit, an find good homes for other animals too. I have also helped people overcome their fears and issues with birds and dogs mostly, but I'm willing and able to work with all animals.

    I have always been an animal lover, animals have always seem to taken to me . My passions are Cockatiels, & african grays, however, I love them all! I currently am breeding, hand taming, and raising my cockatiels to be  good companions. They are an excellent way to give to any one who lives alone the company they need. They will make you feel better when you're not feeling well, you can take them with you just about any where you go.  My birds are very people oriented & love being with their person, & just like us they get moody & mad at you if you ignore them, they love eating with you right off your plate even if you fix them their own they will still want to taste yours! They are very smart too.  I want to make sure everyone is happy, so if you buy a bird from me, and you all just dont get along, maybe the bird doesn't like a member of the family, or whatever the reason I will let you bring it back & pick another one to try for a week or two. there is no limit, you can exchange til you find one that works for you. I also work with dogs and other animals. I take in and place any & all unwanted birds for any reasons. I will help place any animals, & work with any that need it before placing them, so please check our relocating page & our store (they will be updated peroidically).  Feel free to add your pet if for any reason (economy seems to be the current main reason) you can not keep it or give me a call, I'll come to your house & take pictures of your pet & add it for you. If its a bird I will take it til a home can be found & will only sell if I or any of my staff puts time into training, etc...

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**click on the flyer and or our price list  to have a printable version to hand out .. and help us out if in local area!!**

**we can use any/all help you may want to give !! we are currently located in Hiram Ohio, we will service portage county and surrounding areas. we hope to expand soon.**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

*Donations are very appreciated*

**Birds that we have recently rescued. Any donation that you could give would be very helpful in keeping us doing what we can. Rescue and care for these beautiful birds.**

**If you would like to donate items to the rescue. We are always in need of perches, food, toys, dishes, cages,in constant need of fresh fruits and veggies and supplies for outdoor aviary, play stands large and small etc.. please contact us at** [**cindysbirdhaven@yahoo.com**](mailto:cindysbirdhaven@yahoo.com)

Donation Link to paypal

Amazon Wishlist

**BIRD EDUCATION**

*11 Important questions to ask yourself before becoming a "Bird Parent"*

**1. Consider the bird’s lifespan. Adopting a parrot is like adopting a 2 or 3-year-old toddler who will never grow up. Many parrots have long lifespans. Even small parrots can live 30 to 45 years. Larger parrots can live 70 to 90 years. How old are you? If you’re young, what are your future, lifetime plans and will a “permanent toddler” be in the picture? If you’re older, will your bird outlive you? If so, what provisions will you be able to make for your bird when you’re gone?**

**2. Parrots (like toddlers) require enormous amounts of attention and they are social creatures. What is your schedule? What are your other commitments? Do you have time to provide the emotional and physical stimuli he needs for an enriched and happy life?   
3. Captive birds require clean environments. As well as providing emotional and physical enrichment, will you have time to thoroughly clean your bird’s cage and environment daily?**

**4. Birds require a varied, well balanced diet of specially formulated pellets, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a variety of healthy seeds. Will you have time to buy “bird groceries”? Fresh foods spoil quickly so uneaten food should be taken away as soon as your bird is finished with his meal. Birds need fresh water that may need replacing multiple times during the day. Will you be available to do those things?**

**5. Birds, like all companion animals, need regular veterinary care. Veterinary care is often expensive. Whether your bird is a budgie, or a large macaw, the fee for examinations, treatment, medications, surgery, etc. are the same. What is your financial situation? Can you afford general maintenance veterinary care, and can you afford to pay for a medical emergency if something should happen? Not all veterinarians will treat birds. Do you have an avian veterinarian near you? If not, are you willing to drive long distance for your bird’s care?**

**6. Parrots are notoriously noisy and even the smallest of parrots can have amazingly loud and boisterous and/or shrill screams. If a bird is not terribly loud, he may make repetitive and nerve wracking sounds. What is your “noise” tolerance and how patient are you? What is your neighbor’s noise tolerance?**

**7. Parrots not only love to chew things up and tear things apart, it’s their natural behavior. In the wild, they break open nuts and fruit, they build nests, and break off tree branches. Chewing also provides emotional and physical stimuli, and it is also a form of recreation and play. Captive parrots need toys and plenty of them. Bird toys will need to be replaced regularly. If you’re unable to make appropriate and safe toys for your bird, you will need to purchase them. Bird toys are expensive. What is your bird toy budget?**

**8. \*The safe and secure housing for your bird will be expensive. Cages and appropriate housing can cost into the thousands of dollars. Beware of used cages and bargain cages. And yes, your bird will need a cage or an aviary. \*(See “myths” below for more information about caging and cages.) Cages are expensive. What is your cage or housing budget for your bird?**

**9. Are you prone to allergies? Have you considered other family members’ allergies and sensitivities? Some parrots are prone to cause allergies in people and create dust in the air which can aggravate some people who have respiratory problems. (Example: African Grey, Cockatoo, and Cockatiel.) Even if you’re not prone to allergies, the settling dust lands on furniture, clothing, and the surrounding environment, necessitating additional dusting and cleaning. You may need to purchase an air purifier to control air impurities and you may need to dust more often. What is your air quality budget? How much time can you invest in additional cleaning?**

**10. Do you rent or own? Does your landlord allow birds? If you have to move, will you take your bird? Will there be enough room to properly house your bird and his environment?**

**11. Think about your life and what you plan to do in the future. Are you married? Do you think you will divorce? Do you plan to marry? Do you plan to get pregnant? Are you going away to college? Are you going to change jobs? Do you plan to have a new boyfriend/girlfriend? (While these are common life events, surprisingly they are just a few of the many reasons people give up their parrots.)**

Get real about parrots as pets!

**Parrots can be funny, entertaining, and beautiful to look at. They are smart, can learn tricks, and provide companionship. These are just a few of the reasons that parrots have become the third most popular pet in America.**

**Unfortunately, companion parrots have also joined the ranks of the most discarded, homeless pets in America. How can that be?**

**Parrots are inherently wild. Even if captive bred, they possess the same wild traits as their wild born cousins who live in the jungles and rainforests. Birds naturally scream. A parrot's loud scream is nature's way of helping him communicate to neighboring flocks and to give warning signals to their own flock. The larger species of parrots have raucous, ear shattering screams that can be heard from miles away. The smaller parrots can be heard from equal distances with their shrill ear piercing screams that are often repetitive and annoying. Even the smallest of parrots like the tiny little budgerigar have been known to be too loud and nerve wracking for some people.**

**With such loud vocalizations, it's no wonder humans and parrots are clashing in homes and neighborhoods.**

**The parrots' powerful beak is designed for constant chewing, i.e. nest building, breaking open hard nuts, and foraging for other foods. Although parrots rarely attack and bite each other in the wild, the parrot's powerful beak can be dangerous and cause serious injuries to humans. For example, it's estimated that a large macaw has the bite strength of 500 to 700 pounds per square inch. And the little Senegal parrot, in spite of his relatively small size, has a tremendously powerful bite that can cause considerable pain and serious injuries. Like all wild animals, even the tamest bird who has no history of biting, has a flight or fight response and will potentially bite when frightened or startled.**

**Parrots are highly intelligent and hypersensitive emotionally and physically. Improper handling can teach an already fearful or aggressive bird, or even a tame and loving bird, to bite and become aggressive. This not only causes the bird serious psychological problems, such stress can also dramatically affect their physical health. In spite of the parrots delicate constitution, anyone can purchase a parrot, regardless of their own mental state or lack of knowledge.**

**A parrot's wild, inherent traits, don't usually fit into the average person's lifestyle or home. In fact, they usually conflict greatly, making the third most popular pet in American, one of the most frustrating, destructive, messy, and noisy pets a person can have. Hence, making parrots a most regrettable purchase by many consumers, exacerbating the likelihood that these birds will be abused and neglected. Yet, pet stores rarely offer these facts to their customers prior to purchase.**

**It's only after the bird arrives home, after the "honeymoon" is over, and the excitement has worn off, that the reality of parrot parenthood becomes evident. It's then that unsuspecting consumers are hard hit with the reality of having a parrot in their home. The additional cleaning, the destruction of personal property and the continual screaming are more than most people can tolerate. From that point on, some bird caretakers become guilt ridden while deciding whether they should surrender their birds or keep them "muffled" and out of ear range, by permanently moving their birds into their garages or basements. While some may feel guilty and remorseful for their decision to "rid themselves of the responsibilities", others pass the bird onto other unsuspecting consumers without a hitch or word of caution. It is estimated that the majority of all captive parrots eventually end up in at least five homes before suffering and dying prematurely.**

**Millions of unwanted birds are listed for sale on the internet, in newspapers, in bird magazines, and are sold at bird marts and bird expos across the nation. In fact, the homelessness of captive parrots has reached epidemic proportions and these unwanted birds are in crisis. A large percentage of parrots that are bred and sold for the pet trade rarely survive their first year. Many suffer before they die prematurely from abuse and neglect. Those who survive, often exist in deplorable conditions, with no quality of life and they suffer from loneliness. In spite of the suffering, breeders are not slowing down. In fact, millions of baby birds are flooded into the market every year.**

**The natural life span of parrots can ranges from 20 to 85 years, adding to the tragedy and complexities of keeping them as pets, and exacerbating the multiple home syndrome.**

Got Parrot? Feeling like you don't do enough for your Parrot? Get creative

**As inadequate as we may be as companions to our parrots, they are superior in their ability to adapt to us as companions. We have found that the fine art of establishing a routine that your bird can depend on goes a long way in helping to create a mutually compatible relationship. Parrots are creatures of habit. They need/expect every day to be just like the day before and the day before. By establishing a dependable routine for our birds, we minimize the stress and confusion of a haphazard world. The result, very often, is a parrot that feels less compelled to assert to control over its guardian through excessive vocalization, and a parrot more at ease with its world.  
  
Get your parrot up and out of bed (cage/bird room) every morning at the same time. The breakfast ritual of preparing food, cleaning a cage and loving a parrot should be the same every morning, and your bird should know he can depend on this special breakfast ritual. Presumably, you must go off to work or run the errands of the day. Your parrot should know that next comes several hours of having to entertain himself within his confines. Playing a radio during this time or keeping one’s parrot in front of a large window where he can observe wild birds feeding and interacting can become an essential event in a parrots day. When you come home from work, it’s bird time. Take your bird out. Sit with him. Talk to him and love him. Play with him and make a big deal over what a wonderful and talented bird he is. He should be able to anticipate and count on this special one-on-one time every day. Direct interaction time can be followed by several hours of having your bird out with you and the family, but not necessarily attached to your body. Have a play stand or hanging frame in the areas of the house where you spend greater periods of time or in rooms that tends to be central to overall family activity. A parrot needs to have a sense involvement in the flock dynamics. At dinner time after the cooking has been completed, parrots should be welcomed into the kitchen and involved in the dinner ritual. Parrots are social eaters. They are apt to eat better and accept healthier foods when those are the foods being shared by the family flock. They take greater enjoyment in eating out of your hand than out of a lonely dish. When the day has drawn to an end, it should be “bed time for birds” at the same time every night. Keeping in mind that parrots require 10 to 12 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night, we recommend that a parrot’s sleep area be located away from the area of general family activity, in a room that can be made quiet, dark and peaceful. Your parrot’s natural inclination is to tuck himself away to “roost” each evening, so a “sleeping cage” quickly establishes itself as an expected and desirable finish to a parrot’s long day.  
  
Knowing precisely what to expect from us and knowing the behavior that is expected of them gives a parrot just as much a feeling of control over it’s life as its ability to decide whether it wants to be inside the cage or out. Old aviculture used to dictate asserting dominance and control over one’s parrot through such measures as wing clipping, consistent caging and keeping them perched at a height lower than one’s head. But parrots are not dogs and they do not respond to subjugation. Their wild and instinctual nature must be acknowledged, accommodated and respected. Make a cage a compelling and engaging environment by providing boxes, chew toys, rope vines. Then open the cage door. Let your bird out. Give him an aviary or bird-proof a room and let him fly. Install hanging frames made of natural branches way above your head and let him be up high. Feeling guilty because you’re at work all day and your bird is home alone? Birds belong in flocks. Have more than one bird. Two or more birds are not twice as much work as one bird. They’re half as much work.  
  
We force our parrots to live in our world, and then we don’t understand why they scream, beg, become aggressive, become phobic, feather pluck, self-mutilate... Sometimes it is necessary to force ourselves to live in their world before we can understand how to address the issues of parrot guardianship creatively and help ease their experience with us.   
  
Knowing that, overall, people tend to fail miserably as companions to parrots, we do not advocate parrots as pets. However, we are highly motivated to help people understand the needs of their birds and to improve the quality of care they are able to deliver. We want people to keep their birds. Because here at the sanctuary we are short on space.  
  
  
Additional notes from Karen:  
  
Although carboard boxes make an excellent and inexpensive way to entertain a companion parrot it should be noted that in some cases a box can induce some female parrots to go through a breeding cycle that may be dangerous to their health. Also, boxes of any kind should NOT be offered to any male/female pairs as it will most probably ecourage mating and egglaying. If a mated pair of parrots insists on creating a nest site and laying eggs we offer a nest box to limit the number of eggs laid and to allow the parrots to go through their breeding cycle normally. We then switch the eggs with wooden eggs (or golf balls) purchased at a crafts store to prevent accidental reproduction. Most parrots will naturally abandon their eggs after 30 to 40 days should they prove unproductive.   
  
Not only does the addition of music or nature sounds add to the quality of life but we take this enrichment one step further by putting the music on timers so that the mornings and early evenings mimic the natural rhythms of a parrot's life in the wild. Lights are also put on timers to mimic a natural 12 hour day and to give these prey animals a natural rhythm to their lives, something that is the foundation of a parrot's mental well being.**

**45 Actual reasons people give up thier pet birds**

1. Got tired of the bird  
2. Didn’t spend enough time with the bird  
3. Spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend doesn’t like the bird  
4. Family member developed an allergy  
5. Moved  
6. Bird screams too much/too noisy  
7. Bird too messy  
8. Work hours changed  
9. Have new interests  
10. Changed jobs  
11. Got married  
12. Got divorced  
13. Got pregnant  
14. Landlord won’t allow birds  
15. Bird chewed up furniture  
16. Bird started biting the kids   
17. Kids started hitting the bird  
18. Husband hits the bird  
19. Cage doesn’t match new furniture and new décor  
20. Bird started biting me  
21. Bird started biting my husband  
22. Started traveling and going on vacations  
23. Started dating  
24. Bird needs too much attention  
25. Bird doesn’t talk  
26. Bird talks too much   
27. New bird doesn’t like my other bird  
28. Other bird doesn’t like my new bird  
29. Neighbor complained about the noise  
30. Kids won’t feed or water the bird  
31. Kids won’t clean the bird’s cage  
32. My bird is sick and I can’t afford to pay for treatment  
33. My bird is sick and I won’t pay for treatment  
34. My cat tries to hurt my bird  
35. My bird tries to hurt my cat  
36. I found the bird and didn’t want him anyway  
37. My bird doesn’t like me  
38. My bird likes me too much and tries to mate with me  
39. My bird only liked my boyfriend and now my boyfriend is gone   
40. I decided I want a bird that is more colorful.  
41. I like my new bird better  
42. My bird is mean and I can’t handle him  
43. My bird doesn’t do anything but sit in his cage  
44. My bird gets into everything and won’t sit still in his cage  
45. I decided I want to buy a baby monkey…and birds and monkeys don’t get along…right?

**Surrendering your bird**

**If you have made the difficult decision to surrender your bird, we urge you to please read the following information before you take the next step:**

**If you are feeling frustrated and regret that you brought a parrot into your life, you are not alone. Each year millions of bird guardians are led to believe that birds make wonderful pets, only to later discover that birds don’t make good pets for most people.**

**You may believe that your only option is to surrender your bird, for both you and your bird’s best interests. However, it’s estimated that most people who surrender their birds are unaware of the potential and perhaps even simple solutions to correct their bird’s behavior or change a problematic situation. And unfortunately, it’s not uncommon for some people to surrender one “problematic” bird and replace him with another bird, thinking that the next bird will be better behaved and less noisy, only to find themselves back in the same situation.**

**Birds are highly intelligent, sensitive creatures. In many instances, a bird’s problematic behavior isn’t his problem but rather the result of his environment and how he’s being handled. By consulting with an avian behaviorist and by reading books and magazines, you can potentially learn better management skills and change your bird’s “bad” behaviors. Attending bird clubs and having a “bird support group,” where you can listen to and share stories, may be all that’s needed to reignite the love you have for your feathered companion. Let’s face it, even the best human relationships may become stale and require nurturing and counseling at some point. You and your feathered friend are no exception.**

**Here are just a few behavioral problems, dynamics, or environmental issues that can be potentially corrected:**

* **Screaming**
* **Chewing**
* **Biting**
* **Plucking**
* **Difficult cage cleaning**
* **Aggression**
* **Lack of available time**
* **And many more…**

**It’s important to emphasize that each time a bird is surrendered, bought, or sold, an existing homeless bird will potentially lose his opportunity for a loving, permanent home. Even if you find a home for your unwanted bird, you’ve taken away another bird’s chance for a home and his future security. Due to the escalating rise in homeless, unwanted “pet” birds, we strongly encourage caring and responsible bird guardians to try the alternative direction listed above before surrendering their birds.**

**However, we realize that some bird guardians may be experiencing circumstances that are out of their control and that they don’t have the ability to consider these other options. Or that, for some, keeping their bird may not be in the bird’s best interest: it could even be detrimental or dangerous for a bird to stay in his present environment. In such a case, we support and encourage a surrender decision.**

**This information was referenced from** [**http://www.idausa.org**](http://www.idausa.org)

**The Captive Bird Campaign-An Overview**

It is estimated that the average captive parrot lives in at least 5 homes before finding a permanent home or dying prematurely. It is estimated that the average parakeet (budgerigar), whose normal life span is 8 to 15 years, dies within 2 years of birth, usually due to negligence or mistreatment. Parrots, whose life spans average between 25 to 90 years, often die within 5 years for the same reasons. Tragically, the majority of captive birds live in unsuitable and inappropriate conditions that do not provide enrichment and a decent quality of life.

Parrots' long life span exacerbates the "pet" overpopulation problem and makes it difficult to provide them with a secure future. Long lived birds are sold, or handed down to other family members who may not want the bird when his or her guardian dies

We believe all birds should be protected in their natural habitats and allowed to live freely in the wild without interference from humans and without being exploited and bred for the pet trade. We strongly support and encourage a "no breeding" policy.

**ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION**

**Companion Bird Rescue Adoption/Foster Application**

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Which species would you like to adopt, and why? If unsure, check multiple species and explain each. ( )African Grey ( ) Amazon ( ) Budgie/Parakeet ( ) Caique ( ) Canary

( )Cockatiel ( ) Cockatoo ( ) Conure ( ) Dove ( ) Eclectus

( )Finch ( ) Lorikeet ( ) Lovebird ( ) Macaw ( ) Parrotlet

( )Pionus ( ) Pigeon ( ) Poicephalus ( ) Ringneck ( ) Rosella

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If the relationship were to change, who do you anticipate keeping the bird?

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Do all adults in the household know that you are applying to adopt/foster a bird? ( )Yes( ) No

Who in the family initiated a desire to adopt/foster a pet bird?

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Who will be primarily responsible for the birds' care?

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Childrens' ages, if any: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How many hours per day will the bird be left alone?

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Do you travel a great deal? ( )Yes( ) No

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

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Type of dwelling: ( )House ( )Apartment ( )Condo ( )Other            Do you: ( )Rent( ) Own

If you rent, do you have your landlords consent to have a bird? ( )Yes ( )No

Please provide written proof if applying to adopt or foster a bird larger than a cockatiel.)

Landlords' name and phone number:

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Do you, or does anyone in your household smoke? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, would you be able to provide a smoke-free environment for a foster or adopted bird? ( )Yes ( )No

Would you allow an inspection of, and post-placement follow-up visit to your premises by an CBH volunteer? ( )Yes ( )No

Do you currently have any birds? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, how many and what species?

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How long have you had each bird?

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Have you taken care of birds in the past that you no longer have? If so, what species?

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What other animals do you have? (be specific)

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Do you have a separate quarantine area for new birds (a separate room with a door shut)? ( )Yes ( )No

If you have birds, are your birds wings clipped? ( )Yes ( )No

If so, who clips them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you currently discipline your birds? Be specific.

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What do you feed your birds? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you/would you let your birds out of the cage daily? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, for how long and where are they out?

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

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Are you aware that exotic birds may develop bad habits (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 keep fed, healthy, housed, and entertained?

( )Yes, I knew that. ( ) Well, I know now!

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

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**ADOPTION ONLY - All questions in the following section are required**

Are you interested in adopting a bird for breeding purposes? ( )Yes ( )No

Are you planning keeping your adopted bird(s) in an aviary situation? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, indoors or outdoors: ( )Indoors ( )Outdoors

Are you aware that bird medicine can be very expensive should your bird get sick? ( )Yes ( )No

If your bird does become ill, will it be a financial burden for you? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes would you take him/her to the vet anyway? ( )Yes ( )No

Would it be a hardship for you to take your bird to an avian vet for annual check ups? ( )Yes ( )No

Do you know an avian veterinarian? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, who?

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What vet hospital does s/he work for?

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Would you like us to recommend an avian veterinarian? ( )Yes ( )No

Under what circumstances would you NOT wish to keep the bird? ( )  Moving  ()Divorce/Separation  ( )New Baby  ( )New Job ( ) Loud/Noisy  ( )Biting/Aggressive to pets or humans  ( )Allergies ( ) Doesn't get along with other pets  ( )New Relationship

( )Bird develops serious illness  ( )Bird prefers one person more than another

How important are these characteristics in a bird?

Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being unimportant and 5 being crucial.

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Size  \_\_\_\_\_

Ease of Care  \_\_\_\_\_

Personality  \_\_\_\_\_

Uniqueness  \_\_\_\_\_

Cuddliness  \_\_\_\_\_

Talking  \_\_\_\_\_

Cost  \_\_\_\_\_

(FOSTER ONLY): Do you have any bird hand-feeding experience? ( )Yes ( )No

If yes, describe which species, the number of feedings, when you got the bird, and how long ago you last hand-fed a bird.

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

**REVIEWS**

Hi Cindy,

Samantha is very happy after her vacation with you. I have a question for you. Would you be able to board my two othe birds while we are in Fl.? One is a cockatiel, and the other one is the green parrot with red head. My son is going to come by and feed, clean ccages,et., but not much attention. We will be gone until April 1. If you could would you e-mail me the final cost? Also what I would like to do is mail you a check each month so you know we will be good on the final bill.

Judy

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