



## PARROT MATCH APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION AND FOSTER

Thank you for considering adoption or foster care for one of our parrots. We are committed to finding the right home for each and every bird, and to providing you with the support and information necessary to create the best match possible. Our goal is to find the very best “landing” for every bird that comes to us, and that is why you are asked to provide the information in this application.

Return this form by sending it as an **ATTACHMENT** to an email message to: [contact@phoenixlanding.org](mailto:contact@phoenixlanding.org)

or mail it to:  
Phoenix Landing  
P.O. Box 291

Alexander, NC 28701

Questions about this form or the adoption process? Email us or visit

[www.phoenixlanding.org](http://www.phoenixlanding.org)

Thanks for considering adoption first!

### Benefits of our Process:

- **Personalized match making:** We gather information about your family through this questionnaire, a home visit, and communication with your adoption coordinator
- **Try before you buy!** Are you sure a parrot is right for you? There is a two month foster period to make sure this is a good fit for both you AND the bird. In most cases birds are vetted and most birds come with a cage.
- **Rehoming as needed:** If a placement doesn't work out - no worries! We take responsibility for the parrot for life, and we find the bird's next home. Please give us reasonable notice
- **A wealth of information from bird owners and at our events:** Many of our volunteers have had birds for over a decade. Our community is dedicated to learning about parrots and sharing that knowledge.

Please consider the questions on this application carefully. Complete every field, even if the answer is “I don't know.” We are all learning together to share our lives with these fascinating and challenging companions and no one has all of the answers.

### The Adoption and Foster Steps

- 1) Fill out this form and return it to Phoenix Landing.
- 2) Attend a core class associated with the adoption process.
- 3) Have a home visit to further personalize the match-making process. We want to ensure a great placement from the start.
- 4) The Adoption Coordinator uses the information in this questionnaire and the home visit to find parrots that are good candidates for your family and sends you information about them.
- 5) A parrot is placed with you for a two-month foster period.
- 6) If you decide to adopt at the end of two months, you sign an adoption contract and pay the associated adoption fee.

### Before completing this application . . .

Parrots, when exhibiting natural behaviors, can be loud, destructive, and messy and require a tremendous amount of time and attention. To have a successful relationship, you must learn about the wild nature of parrots and be willing to make potential change in your home environment and your behavior. We are here to help, but parrot care is a big commitment. Consider how flexible your family is and whether a parrot is truly a good choice.

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION:</b>	
Your Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number(s):	
Email Address: (please PRINT)	

Date of Application:	
How did you hear about us?	

<b>RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.
Do you rent or own?	
If renting, does the landlord allow pets?	
Single family home, apartment or townhouse? Would noise be an issue with your neighbors?	

<b>FAMILY INFORMATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.
List family members and their ages.	
How do the other family members feel about living with a parrot?	
Are there smokers in the household? Does anyone have allergies that could be a problem?	
Name and age of parrot's primary caretaker:	
List all other pets (dogs, cats, birds, exotics or other animals) in your home:	
Type of parrot (parakeets, cockatiels and lovebirds are also parrots) that most interests you and why?	
Has your family owned a parrot before? When and what species?	

<b>DIETARY INFORMATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.
What is the best diet for a parrot? Please be specific.	

<b>VET/HEALTH INFORMATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a great match for your family.
Do you already have an avian vet? Who is it?	
If you have a parrot, when was his last appointment and what was it for?	

Adopters, do you agree to take this parrot for regular check-ups with blood work?	
If you have other parrots, do you understand the quarantine process and will your household accommodate separation of birds?	
Are you aware that some cookware, plants and cleaning materials are toxic to birds?	

<b>HOUSING INFORMATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a match for your family.
Describe the location of the parrot's cage. What room will it be in? Where in the room will the cage be placed? What will the cage contain (perches, toys)? What other parrots will be in the same room?	
Describe how much mobility the parrot will have. Will it leave its cage? Go to other rooms? Eat with the family? Have a play gym?	
Our birds often come with cages. If needed, however, are you willing to purchase a cage that meets our standards?	<b>See our CAGE STANDARDS at the end of this application or at: <a href="http://phoenixlanding.org/parrotcare.html">phoenixlanding.org/parrotcare.html</a></b>
Provide examples of how parrots are different than other pets, and what you can do to meet these needs?	

<b>INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MOTIVATION, EXPECTATIONS &amp; CONTINUING EDUCATION:</b>	Please answer all questions so we can make a match for your family.
Caring for a parrot is expensive. Can you name some of the costs?	
What is your monthly budget for parrot care (food, toys, vet visits)?	
What do you expect from a companion parrot?	

<p>Learning about a parrot’s nature and how to provide the best care in captivity can make a big difference in the success of a human/parrot relationship. What are your plans for staying current and informed on avian care?</p>	
<p>Do you intend to breed this parrot?</p>	

<p><b>INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COOPERATION &amp; INVOLVEMENT WITH PHOENIX LANDING:</b></p>	<p>Please answer all questions so we can make a match for your family.</p>
<p>Are you willing to attend one of our basic parrot care seminars? Other Phoenix Landing educational seminars?</p>	
<p>Would you agree to a home visit from one of our representatives, prior to adoption? This allows us to work together to make the best match for each family and each bird.</p>	
<p>Are you willing to pay an adoption fee? This is the only way that we can sustain our program services. See the last page for our standard fees. NOTE: There is no fee while you are fostering the bird. The fee is paid when the adoption is finalized.</p>	
<p>It is very likely that even an adopted parrot will need another home in the future, as they live a long time and our lives often change unexpectedly. <i>All parrots remain under the legal guardianship and protection of Phoenix Landing, so if an adopted parrot needs a home after yours, you must contact Phoenix Landing so that we can find the parrot’s next new home. Do you understand and agree to this?</i></p>	

Include any other information you consider important for us to know, so that we can work together to help each parrot find the best new home:

Thank you! We look forward to working together to make a better life for a parrot-in-need. By signing this application you indicate that you understand the adoption and foster process and agree to comply with it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Adopting or Fostering a Parrot from Phoenix Landing

Thank you for your interest in adopting a parrot from Phoenix Landing. Please review the following before you complete and return the Parrot Match questionnaire.

Living with a parrot may be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of your life, and parrots demand patience and dedication from their guardians.

Phoenix Landing remains strongly committed to the welfare of the birds relinquished to us. The following process has been designed to guarantee that every parrot in our care will be placed in a permanent, or long-term, caring home.

This process is also intended to ensure that birds obtained through Phoenix Landing will remain under the legal custody of Phoenix Landing. It is also intended to ensure that when a bird adopted through Phoenix Landing needs its next new home, as many of our Phoenix Landing birds will need, it will be returned to Phoenix Landing for its next home.

### **Steps of the Adoption Process**

1. Complete and return the Parrot Match questionnaire.
2. Attend a class that satisfies our adoption process requirement. Free classes are offered monthly in several locations, and provide you with up-to-date standards of parrot care. Check the Events page of [www.phoenixlanding.org](http://www.phoenixlanding.org) for details about classes that meet the adoption requirement (marked with an \*), We encourage everyone to attend a behavior class as well, particularly for those adopting larger birds.
3. Have a home visit to further personalize the match making process. We want to ensure a great placement from the start! We urge that all household members be present during the home visit, because this is a family decision.
4. The Adoption Coordinator uses the information in this questionnaire and the home visit to find parrots who are good candidates for your family and sends you information about them.
5. A parrot is placed with you for a two month foster period.
6. If you decide to adopt at the end of two months, you sign an adoption agreement and pay the associated fee.

### **Why Do We Charge Adoption Fees?**

Please Note: For most birds, THERE IS AN ADOPTION FEE. This includes and may not be limited to the cost of medical care and treatment. Many of our birds have additional tests for diseases or other procedures, depending on their environment prior to relinquishment. Most of our parrots also have a blood chemistry tests performed. Vet costs vary with birds depending on their general health and basic condition. If we did not have fees, we could not sustain our adoption program and services. Please do not make it difficult for our Adoption Coordinators to work with you on this issue when it is time to make the adoption decisions.

NOTE: If you have other parrots in the home, we strongly recommend that they have been vetted in the last year for more than just wing or nail trims. Most avian vets recommend an exam once a year, and this often includes bloodwork.

### **A Note About Cages. . .**

Sometimes Phoenix Landing must purchase and assign a new cage for a bird, and that cost would need to be paid at adoption. We do our best to find and use donated cages whenever possible, but that option is not always available. If a bird is temporarily housed in a donated cage, you may be required to purchase a new

cage (not required to do so through Phoenix Landing) for the bird and return the donated one to Phoenix Landing.

We believe that all parrots deserve the largest cage possible. Round cages are never appropriate for any parrot. Parrots should only be housed in environments that give them lots of room for flapping and foraging; room for a wide variety of perches (cloth, wood, rope, etc.); multiple feed dishes to encourage activity and natural foraging instincts; and bar spacing that is an appropriate size. They also deserve and need plenty of time outside the cage.

For more information about cages, see <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/cage.html>

**WELCOME TO PHOENIX LANDING.  
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ADOPTION FIRST and HELPING PARROTS!**

## ADOPTION FEES \*

### SMALL PARROTS

Parakeets, cockatiels, lovebirds.

Fees for these birds are optional, but we hope you will consider helping to support the parrots of Phoenix Landing!

Parrotlets	\$ 75
Quakers, Ringnecks, Lories	\$100

### MEDIUM PARROTS

Conures, Senegals	\$200
Pionus, Meyers, Caique	\$300
Miniature Macaws (Yellow Collar, Severe, Hahns..)	\$300

### LARGE PARROTS

Amazon	\$350
Eclectus	\$400
Cockatoos	\$400
African Grey	\$500
Macaws, Large	\$500

\* NOTE: Our adoption fees are standardized to help us cover our adoption and education program costs. Like any other organization, we certainly could not perform these services without adequate funds. However, these fees do not cover our program costs, we rely on contributions from kind donors to sustain our overall efforts. So when you submit this application, we expect that you will respect and appreciate that we have these fees for good reason, and no one benefits from our revenues but the parrots. We do not consider birds as commodities and do not like to argue about money!

## OUR MINIMUM CAGE STANDARDS

◆ Parakeet, Cockatiel, Lovebird,	27w x 24d
◆ Ringneck, Conure, Pionus, Meyers, Quaker, Lories and Lorikeets, Senegal, multiple small birds	32w x 23d
◆ African Grey, Amazon, Caique, HawkHead, Eclectus, Goffins Cockatoo, Bare-Eyed Cockatoo, Lesser or Medium Sulphur Cockatoo, Citron Cockatoo, Cape, Jardines	36w x 28d
◆ Umbrella Cockatoo, Greater Sulphur Cockatoo, Triton Cockatoo, Rose-Breasted Cockatoo, Mollucan Cockatoo, Military Macaw, Scarlet Macaw, Blue and Gold Macaw	40w x 30d
◆ Greenwing or Hyacinth Macaw	48w x 36d

