



Exotic Bird Rescue of Oregon

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Adoption Application

Exotic Bird Rescue of Oregon is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of the birds in our care, to seek proper placement in qualified homes, and to provide ongoing information and education to the general public on the best practices of proper avian care. Our rescued birds come from many sources: owners who no longer are able to care for their companion birds, breeders, individuals, and birds rescued through animal services and humane societies.

Bird ownership is a serious responsibility and the policy of Exotic Bird Rescue is to ensure that each person who adopts a bird is aware of the requirements of owning and caring for an exotic bird and understands and accepts this responsibility. Due to the time, patience, and understanding of bird ownership, we recognize that not everyone who wishes to own an exotic bird should own one.

The following application is to aid both you and EBR in determining whether you and your family can provide a suitable environment for parrots. Please answer all questions and explain any answers or add comments. If a question does not apply, please write N/A.

The conditions of adoption are in this document and require your signature. Please keep a copy of the Policies and Procedures listed below. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We carefully review each application and we will contact you if we have any additional questions.

Exotic Bird Rescue Adoption Policies and Procedures

We, the Board of Directors of Exotic Bird Rescue of Oregon (EBR), as the trustees for the bird's interests, have determined that the following policies and procedures are in the best interest of the birds placed in our care. We will only place birds with potential adopters that we determine to be in the best interest for this particular bird and household. The EBR Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may modify, delete, or add to any of these policies and procedures at any time or in a particular situation.

Adoption Policies

- 1) Applicants for adoption shall be the adoptive parent and will be responsible for the health and well-being of the bird.
- 2) EBR reserves the right to deny adoption in the best interest of the bird.
- 3) The Adoption is a legal and binding contract between adopter and EBR and applicant must be of legal age to sign this contract.

- 4) Applicants must sign a waiver stating that the adoptee will be a pet and companion only. EBR must be guaranteed that the bird(s) will not be used for breeding or placed in a potential breeding situation and is never be sold, traded, or gifted.
- 5) If at any time during the life of the bird, conditions arise that prevent you from keeping the bird in the manner agreed upon in this document and attached supporting documents, the adoptee shall be returned to us at no cost to EBR.
- 6) Any change of address shall be conveyed to EBR prior to the move.
- 7) EBR shall be granted privileges no less than two (2) times per year if requested.
- 8) EBR reserves the right to take possession of the adoptive bird if the EBR Board of Directors determines the health or safety of said bird is at risk.
- 9) In the event of dispute, Adopters' agree to Arbitration as a means to settlement.
- 10) Applicants with prior convictions of animal abuse or neglect will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 11) Perspective homes shall be within reasonable driving distance of Eugene or Portland Oregon.
- 12) Anyone may request an exception to this policy by appealing to the Board of Directors.
- 13) If the potential adopter lives in an apartment, condo, or other location that may restrict pet ownership we require a signed letter from the property owner or co-op association stating that this bird is allowed at that location.
- 14) In the event of multiple applications for the same bird, EBR will decide which home is best suited for that bird. The last applicant merits the same consideration as the first applicant.
- 15) The Adoption Fee will be held in escrow until finalization of the adoption; adoption fees are non-refundable after the 90-day probationary period.
- 16) EBR reserves the right to withdraw from the adoption process at any time with any applicant. EBR reserve the right to reclaim any bird after the adoption process without refund of the fee if our standards of care are not being met.
- 17) EBR will be available, for the lifetime of the bird, to assist with any behavioral issues that may develop. We cannot guarantee that problems will not develop, or that we may be able to assist you in resolving them.
- 18) Please be advised EBR cannot guarantee the health of any bird. When a bird comes to us, it often had a series of owners and/or undocumented histories. We provide a basic exam but the bird may have an underlying health condition. We recommend a thorough exam and testing be done by your own avian veterinarian. Any and all medical and other costs incurred in the care of a bird after adoption will be the responsibility of the adopter.
- 19) EBR requires a reasonable ratio of responsible adults to birds in the household requesting adoption. EBR may grant exceptions to limits or may reduce limits at its own discretion.
- 20) All adopters are required to take the class or classes predetermined by the board.
- 21) An adopter will be assigned a probation period before an adoption is finalized.

- 22) If, after beginning the adoption process no match is made, you may request to be on a waiting list and notified if a possible match comes in.
- 23) An adoption application is available from a board member only after the class requirement is satisfied.

By signing below, you agree to abide by all of EBR's policies and procedures as stated during the entire adoption process, and if approved, during the life of the bird.

Signed _____ Date _____
Primary Caregiver

Signed _____ Date _____
Secondary Caregiver

Signed _____ Date _____
EBR Representative

Note to EBR Representative:

Sign and leave pages 1 - 3 with adopter

Adoption Procedures

We require the potential adopter follow the following adoption process:

1. All adult household members must attend the required bird orientation and information classes that have been designated mandatory by the Board of Directors.
2. Discuss with an EBR board member or other authorized volunteer, your needs, wishes, experience, situation, etc. to help you determine if a bird would be right for you, and which bird and/or species would be appropriate.
3. Visit the potential adoptee under the supervision of the foster home and/or board member. A pre-specified number of visits will be required and you will be informed by the foster home and/or board member of this number.
4. Request and submit an adoption application.
5. Submit to a home inspection by an EBR board member or other authorized volunteer.
6. Adoption fee is due at the time of approval. The adoption fee may be refunded if the adoption is cancelled prior to the end of the probationary period.
7. Complete a probation period of 90-days before adoption is final or serve as a foster home with intent to adopt.
8. Follow up phone calls and visits throughout the life of the bird may be conducted by an EBR Board member or other authorized volunteer. Adoption will be finalized after the 90-day probation period if no problems occur.
9. Please notify EBR by mail, phone, email or personal contact if your contact information changes.

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Signed _____ Date _____
Primary Potential

Signed _____ Date _____
Potential

Signed _____ Date _____
(EBR Board Member or Authorized Volunteer)

In the event it becomes necessary for either part to institute suite against the other to secure or protect its rights under the Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to all associated costs of the suit, including reasonable attorney's fees, administrative fees, court costs and damages as part of any judgment entered in its favor.

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Bird Name _____
Species and Name _____ Date_____

Name _____ Age _____

Spouse/Significant Other/Roommate _____

Children _____ Age _____ Children _____ Age _____

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Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Contact Info _____ / _____ / _____
Home Cell Work

Email _____

Occupation & Employer/Self _____

Spouse _____

Do all adults in your household know that you are applying to adopt a bird? _____

What is your weekly schedule? _____

Evenings? _____

Weekends? _____

How many hours a day would your bird spend time alone? _____

Type of dwelling: House ☐ Condo ☐ Apt. ☐ other ☐ Do you rent? ☐ Own? ☐

If you rent, Landlord's name: _____ Phone _____

Do you travel a great deal? _____

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

Does anyone in your household smoke? _____

Where? _____

What types of birds do you presently have or have owned? _____

Do you have other experience with birds? If so, what? _____

Which avian veterinarian do you use? _____

How often do your birds see an avian vet? _____

What other pets are in your household? _____

What type of diet do you/will you feed your birds? Check all that apply:

— Pellets	— Veggies
— Seed	— Bean mix
— Fruits	— Bird bread

other _____

How often do you feed a seed mix? _____

Have you ever sold a bird? _____ Why? _____

I plan to keep this bird as a pet _____ breeder _____

How much time would your bird spend out of its cage? _____

How and where will you house your bird? _____

Do you bath your birds? _____ How? _____ How often? _____

Do you or will you provide your bird with toys? _____

Do you subscribe to any avian publications?

Pet Bird Report ____ Bird Talk ____ Good Bird ____ Other _____

Please list any pets you have owned in the last 10 years and where they are now:

In what species of birds are you primarily interested?

What characteristics of a parrot are important to you?

What would you expect from a parrot?

Under what circumstances would you NOT want to keep the bird?

Moving ____ Allergy ____ Divorce/Separation ____

New Baby ____ New Job ____ New Relationship ____

Doesn't get along with other pets ____

Prefers one person to another ____

Other _____

Are you aware that birds might exhibit the following behavior: destruction of clothing, furniture, draperies or anything within reach; may dislike strangers, your spouse or another family member; can scream very loud and leave droppings everywhere? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you understand some behaviors are natural for the bird and may only be controlled with training and may never be completely eliminated? Are you aware of how much time, attention, and expense a companion bird requires? Have you considered the expense of feeding, caring for and keeping healthy and entertained a companion bird can be? Do you accept this responsibility? _____ Yes ____ No

I/We by signing this application agree to provide proper care, nutritious food and necessary medical attention for my/ our adopted bird. I/We also understand that the adoption of a bird can be a lifetime commitment and if AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON I no longer wish to care for the bird I must return the adopted bird(s) to EBR. I have read and fully understand the adoption policies and procedures.

EBR accepts no responsibility for damage to persons or property caused by birds that are adopted and/or in your possession. In all good faith, the bird's known health, temperament, and behaviors have been fully disclosed to you by the EBR representative. I understand some conditions or behaviors may manifest at any time after the adoption and are the responsibility of the adopter, financial or otherwise.

Primary Contact _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

References

References for Primary Contact Person

Must be a parent, close relative, friend, boss or co-worker with a permanent address who has owned the residence in which they reside for at least a year or has a positive local rental history of at least two years:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Info _____ / _____ / _____
Home Cell Work

Email _____

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EBR Use Only

Date of Transfer of Bird: _____

Adoption fee for bird \$ _____ Payment Amt: _____

Cage or Accessories \$ _____ Check # or Cash Amt. _____

Adopter's Signature

EBR Board Representative