Adoption Guidelines

- Birds can live a long time: macaws and cockatoos up to 100 years old, even smaller birds can live up to 20 years.
- Birds are very sensitive to change. They can become aggressive; pull feathers out, or scream excessively.
- Birds can be destructive. They can fling food all over, destroy furniture, and bite.
- Birds are wild animals at heart and many behaviors cannot be trained out of a bird.
- Research the particular species your plan to adopt.
- Birds require large cages, variety of perches, lots of toys, quality avian veterinarians, and a complex diet.

Our process of adoption is long, but rather simple. Unlike a pet store, we don’t charge for the pet, no fees whatsoever. But you do have to work as a volunteer for a while. You’ll get to interact with and learn about the birds to see who you like. But more importantly, we look for which birds like you. Birds are just like people; they build relationships and trust. The more you visit with a bird, the more it’ll get used to you handling it. Once a bird of interest seems to like you enough, Jody will allow you to take the bird home in a complimentary cage for two nights for what we call a “sleepover”. This will allow the bird to gauge whether it likes your home and other people in your home or not (since an animal can like one person in a family and not another). As time goes on, the sleepovers will get longer. This will ease everyone into their new areas. Now if the bird finds that it doesn’t like where it might be going or the person finds that they don’t actually like the bird, the process is restarted with another bird. Our process is great because the price is right (free! We just want some of your time) and you won’t end up paying hundreds of dollars for an animal that may not even like you or your home. And if things don’t work out, we’ll always take the bird back.

We do require that you volunteer before you are approved to take your potential new friend home for your first sleepover. This is subject to change by the approval of Fallen Feathers Director, Jody Kieran

All parrots adopted from Fallen Feathers will receive a complimentary exam within 10 days of adoption by a Dr. Hillary G. Frank, DVM, DIP. ABVP Avian, certified avian veterinarian at North Central Animal Hospital.

Signature: __________________________________________________________

Fallen Feathers representative: ______________________________________

Date: _______________________

(Customer copy)
Name: ____________________________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Home Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: _____________________

Work Phone: _______________ Email: ____________________________

Occupation: _____________________________________________

Spouse/significant other/roommate Name: ______________________

Home Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: _____________________

Work Phone: _______________ Email: ____________________________

We do require that you volunteer ____ hours per week for a total of ____ hours before you are approved to take your potential new friend home for your first sleep over. This is subject to change by the approval of Fallen Feathers director Jody Kieran

What days and hours are you available to volunteer per week?

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What species of parrot and name (if you know) are you interested in? Remember that parrots are individuals so what you may have your heart set on adopting may not be the right match for you. This is the reason we require you to volunteer with us is to make sure you and your family get the perfect match.

Species: ___________________________ Name: __________________

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Do you have children? If so, gender and age?

Boys ____  Girls ____

Do you have other pets? If so, how many?

Dogs ____  Cats ____  Birds ____  Reptiles ____  Small Animals ____

Other __________________________________________________________

Do you have experience with birds? If so, please describe. ____________________________

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Do you have a bird cage ready or will you be purchasing a cage?

Have Existing ____  Will Purchase ____

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