



# PHOENIX LANDING

EDUCATION ADOPTION WELFARE  
A Non-Profit for Parrots

## Adoption and Foster Application

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 with each placement 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.

When you complete this form and send it back to us, our communication has only just begun. This is a collaborative process between Phoenix Landing and you, working together to discover which parrots and guardians make the best match. Please consider the questions on this application carefully. When the process is complete, we want what's best for the parrot and your family, and the information you provide is crucial to our mutual success.

Return this form by sending it as an **ATTACHMENT** to an email message to: phoenixlanding@earthlink.net

Or you can mail it to:

Phoenix Landing  
P.O. Box 1233  
Asheville, NC 28802

If you have questions about this application or the adoption process, you can Email us or visit our Web site at [www.phoenixlanding.org](http://www.phoenixlanding.org)

Thanks for considering adoption first!

### The Adoption and Foster Steps

- 1) Fill out this form and return it to Phoenix Landing.
- 2) A representative will make arrangements to meet with you and your family at your home to discuss the process.
- 3) When Phoenix Landing has a parrot that matches your interests and capabilities, the Adoption Coordinator in your area will notify you about an adoption or foster opportunity.
- 4) After two months, you and Phoenix Landing decide together if the adoption is right for you and the bird, sign an adoption agreement and pay the associated fees. It will remain a provisional agreement if certain parameters (class attendance, cage size etc.) still need to be accomplished.

<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>	
Do you rent or own?	
If renting, does the landlord allow pets?	
Proximity of closest neighbor:	

<b>Family Information:</b>	
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?	
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<b>Dietary Information:</b>	
If you already live with a parrot, what does he/she eat?	
What do you plan to feed an adopted or foster parrot?	

<b>Vet/Health Information:</b>	
Do you already have an avian vet? Who is it?	
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?	

<b>Housing Information:</b>	
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?	
Are you willing to purchase an appropriate cage if necessary? Please do not buy one before verifying that it meets our species-specific standards.	<b>See our CAGE STANDARDS at the end of this application or at: <a href="http://www.phoenixlanding.org/parrotcare.html">www.phoenixlanding.org/parrotcare.html</a></b>
Can you give examples of the special needs of parrots regarding food, toys, exercise, social activity, etc?	

<b>Information about your motivation, expectations &amp; continuing education:</b>	
Are you aware that caring for a parrot is expensive? Can you name some of the costs?	
How much would you be willing to spend on the parrot per month (food, toys vet visits)?	
What do you expect from a companion parrot?	
What are your plans are for staying current and informed on avian care?	
Parrots, when exhibiting natural behaviors, can be loud, destructive, and messy & require a tremendous amount of time & attention. Providers must learn about the nature of parrots to have a successful lifetime relationship.	Are you prepared to make this commitment to learning about a parrot's nature and how to provide the best care in captivity?

Are you aware that this parrot may live longer than you?	
If this parrot outlives you or your ability to provide care, do you know someone who can care for her/him? (NOTE: All parrots remain under the legal guardianship and protection of Phoenix Landing, so if an adopted parrot needs a home after yours, we must be part of this decision).	
Do you intend to breed this parrot?	

<b>Information about your cooperation &amp; involvement with Phoenix Landing:</b>	
Are you willing to attend one of our basic parrot care seminars? Other Phoenix Landing educational seminars?	
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.	
Are you willing to pay an associated fee? This is the only way that we can sustain our program services, so we need everyone's cooperation about this point! See the last page for our standard fees.	
Do you agree that the first 2 months are a provisional period and that we may visit with you after 2 months and decide together about making the adoption permanent?	

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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Adopting or Fostering a Parrot from Phoenix Landing

Thank you for your interest in adopting a parrot-in-need from Phoenix Landing. Please review the following very carefully before you complete and return the adoption application.

The adoption process may appear lengthy, but it is nothing compared to the challenges of living with a parrot. If you do not have the patience to go through the adoption process, consider whether the requirements of parrot caretaking are really for you. Living with a parrot may be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of your life, but 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.

Required prerequisites for adoption:

1) You must attend a class that satisfies our adoption process requirement. These classes are free and provide you with up-to-date standards of parrot care. Classes are scheduled throughout the year. Check our Web site at [www.phoenixlanding.org](http://www.phoenixlanding.org) for a list of classes that meet the requirement, and all upcoming event details. We will place a bird in foster care with applicants, prior to attendance at a class(es) depending on each circumstance. We encourage everyone to attend a behavior class as well, particularly for those adopting larger birds.

2) 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 blood work.

Steps of the Adoption Process

- 1) You complete and return the adoption application.
- 2) A Phoenix Landing representative will contact you to schedule a home visit. Please note: We urge that all household members be present during the home visit, because this is a family decision. This is NOT a test! We simply want to work together to make the best possible long-term matches for each parrot, and talking in advance about your particular situation may greatly help this effort.
- 3) You attend a class that accompanies the adoption process (see above). When possible, we encourage you to go to classes before we place a bird with you, but every situation is different.
- 4) When a bird that matches your lifestyle and household becomes available, we will contact you to schedule a visit with the bird, or to begin the fostering process.
- 5) After you complete all the requirements above, the Adoption Coordinator in your area will work with you to find the best match for each bird and each family. Upon occasion, the Adoption Committee is involved in reviewing the movements of our birds across regions.
- 6) Once we all agree that your family and a particular bird are a good match, hopefully within 2 months, we will sign an adoption agreement with you, and this includes the adoption fee.

Please Note: For all 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 test 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 Coordinators to work with you on this issue when it is time to make the adoption decisions.

Sometimes Phoenix Landing must purchase and assign a new cage for a bird and that cost would need to be paid for at adoption. We do our best to try 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.

Additionally, though many parrots come with cages, some do not. You may be required to purchase a sturdy, good-quality cage that complies with the minimum size requirements Phoenix Landing provides (<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/AParrot'sHouse.htm>). We believe that all parrots deserve the largest cage possible. Round cages are not 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; bar spacing that is an appropriate size; and they should receive plenty of time outside the cage.

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

## ADOPTION FEES \*

### SMALL PARROTS

Parakeets, cockatiels, lovebirds.

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

Parrotlets, Ringnecks	\$ 75
Quakers	\$100

### MEDIUM PARROTS

Conures, Senegals, Lory	\$200
Pionus, Meyers, Caique	\$300
Miniature Macaws	\$300
(Yellow Collared, Severe, Illigers, Hahns)	

### 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, Quaker, Lory	27w x 24d
◆ Ringneck, Conure, Pionus, Meyers, Senegal, multiple small birds	32w x 23d
◆ Cape, Jardine, African Grey, Amazon, Caique, Hawk-Head, Eclectus, Goffin Cockatoo, Bare-Eyed Cockatoo, Lesser or Medium Sulphur Cockatoo, Citron Cockatoo	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