PARROT ADOPTION EDUCATION PROGRAM

ADOPTION CONTRACT

Adoption is not complete until all fees are paid in full. Until such time the bird/items remain property of PAEP.

Our mission is to help displaced and unwanted exotic birds find safe, loving homes. We do this by educating people: first how to choose the correct bird for their family and lifestyle; secondly, we teach them the proper diet, housing and how to have fun with each other. We offer phone consultations and home visits to help with behavior problems. Lastly, as the final resort, we offer taking in their bird that they feel they can no longer care for, and find them a new home.

Date of Adoption: _____ Adoption Fee: _____

Name of Bird(s): _____ Cage Fee: _____

Species: _____ Vet Fee: _____ Other Fee: _____

Leg Band Number: _____ Additional Donation: _____

New Parent(s) Name(s): _____

The bird that you are adopting has come into the adoption program through surrender by previous owner, abandonment, or being displaced in some other way. We know that often these birds come from very difficult situations. They are often scared, stressed, and sometimes recovering from abuse. At the very least, they are just having to get used to a new home and new people. Love, patience and consistency will be needed. We try to make a good match between bird and people, but we never know how a bird will respond to a particular situation. Parrots are "wild animals", and even though they may be tame, they react with those instincts. We cannot be responsible for any undesirable behavior that the bird may exhibit.

We try to find out as much as possible about the bird when we take it in, but often there is no known history. We will provide all we know, but don't make any guarantees that it is correct. We will provide you with any veterinarian records we have. We cannot guarantee the health of the bird. We try to make sure all birds are healthy, but Avian medicine is new; all diseases cannot always be detected. PAEP cannot be held responsible for any vet fees incurred after you adopt the bird. You agree to have the bird checked by an avian vet within two weeks of adoption. If they find that the bird has a life-threatening illness that incurred before adoption, you must submit documentation from the vet. You can then return the bird and any other items purchased from PAEP and receive a full refund for all fees. This must be completed within 30 days of adoption.

You agree to use proper quarantine procedures if you have other birds in your home, for the safety of all birds. This will last for 90 days, unless otherwise instructed by an avian vet. Since we cannot be sure of your quarantine, we cannot be held responsible for any diseases transferred between birds. If you have untested birds and need to return an adopted bird to our program, you will be responsible for the retesting fees of the returned bird.

You agree that if you can no longer care for the bird, you will contact PAEP. We will then see if we can re-enter the bird into our program. We will not refund any money spent in the adoption, or for any other purpose. Our goal is to find the best possible home for these birds. If you are just having some normal problems of bird ownership, we will gladly give you instruction on behavior modification.

Neither you nor anyone living with you have ever been charged with, or convicted of, animal abuse or neglect in Minnesota or any other state.

You will not use the adopted bird(s) for breeding purposes. You are adopting it for the sole purpose of a companion bird. You will provide the "proper" diet, fresh water, a cage that is appropriate for the size of bird, toys, and plenty of perches. You will provide exercise that is necessary to this specific species. Birds are much like having a toddler, and need to be entertained and watched for their own safety. You agree to educate yourself on the care of this particular species. PAEP can help with info and also give you suggested reading. Most importantly, you'll supply love.

If we discover any abuse or neglect, we have the right to remove the bird(s) and belongings (cage, toys) which were obtained in this adoption. You will be responsible for any legal or other costs we incur to have the bird removed.

This contract may sound tough for the adoption of a Parrot, but these birds have been through various levels of upset in their life, caused solely by man. We are just trying to ensure that it ends with us. They live long lives, and we want to make sure of your dedication to them no matter what their personalities. People often spend more years with their bird than they do their spouse.

I have read and understand the above contract, and agree to its terms.

_____ _____
Signature of adopting parent signature of adopting parent

_____ _____
Printed name printed name

Phone: _____

Address: _____

PAEP Representative: _____

We at Parrot Adoption Education Program want to thank you for adopting a parrot through us. We want to help in any way possible to ensure a long, happy life with your companion bird. If you can help us in the future with our volunteer program, or financially, please contact us at parrothelp.org rev. 2/13/2009