

# Adoption Application

## Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society

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Bird care is a SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY. Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society's policy is to ensure that each person adopting a bird can provide suitable and appropriate housing, is morally and financially capable of providing for the bird, and is educated in proper care and nutrition.

A Potential Adopter must be at least 18 years of age to adopt a bird from Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society. This application is designed to provide Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society with the necessary information to consider an adoption placement. Please answer all questions and return to the above address by email (please scan, no photos) or in person. If any questions are left unanswered, the application may not be considered.

**Specific bird or species you are interested in** \_\_\_\_\_

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### GENERAL / HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed There \_\_\_\_\_ Your Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed There \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOME ENVIRONMENT**

Type of residence:  House  Townhouse  Condo  Apartment  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent or own your home?  Rent  Own

If renting, does your landlord allow pets?  Yes  No

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children or other persons living full- or part-time in your home?  Yes  No

If yes, please list names and ages below: Full Name / Age / Relationship

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

[If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with additional information.]

Does anyone in your household have a health condition or allergies that could restrict his/her ability to handle/care for a pet?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your home smoke?  Yes  No

Describe your daily routine at home \_\_\_\_\_

Does the routine differ on weekends?  Yes  No If yes, how?

How much time will your bird spend alone? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRIMARY CAREGIVER**

Who will be the primary caregiver for the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all parties in the household aware of your application for adoption of a pet bird?

Yes  No

When you travel or go on an extended vacation, who will care for your bird?

**OTHER PETS**

Do you have other animals living in your home?  Yes  No If yes, please list the following:

Species/Breed Name(s) How long in your household?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

[If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with additional information.]

Have you previously owned animals that you no longer own?  Yes  No

If yes, why do you no longer have these animals? What happened to them?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**VETERINARIAN INFORMATON**

Do you have a veterinarian?  Yes  No If yes, please provide contact information:

Vet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Email \_\_\_\_\_

[We can provide a list of avian veterinarians in your area if you do not already have one.]

**ANITICIPATED HOUSEHOLD CHANGES**

If your primary or family relationship(s) were to change significantly, would you be able to keep your commitment to your bird?  Yes  No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

If your living and/or financial situation were to change dramatically, would you be able to keep your bird?  Yes  No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRD CARE/EDUCATION**

What experience do you have with birds? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the most important characteristic you are looking for in a bird?

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What resources have you consulted on the proper care of birds?

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What resources have you consulted on the species you are interested in adopting?

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What are some traits/needs particular to this species?

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Explain proper care and nutrition for this species \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain proper housing for this species \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you already have a cage you plan to use? What are the dimensions? Provide length, width, and height.

What is the bar width on the cage? (space between the bars) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that birds can develop undesirable habits such as screaming, biting, destruction of furniture and household items, feather plucking, or other fears? If your adopted bird developed a behavioral problem, how would you handle this? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently breed any other species?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in adopting for breeding purposes?  Yes  No

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## **INTERESTS**

Are you a member of Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society?  Yes  No If not, how did you learn about us?

Friend  Facebook  Our Website  Google Search  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any bird clubs or subscribe to any bird related publications? • Yes • No

If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

What other sources of information do you use to supplement your knowledge of avian care?

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Did you receive a copy of our care sheet?  Yes  No

[It is available for download at [http://gccbc.org/interface/links/caresheet\\_gccbcREV.pdf](http://gccbc.org/interface/links/caresheet_gccbcREV.pdf) ]

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## **IMPORTANT ADOPTION INFORMATION**

Along with a completed Adoption Application we require a home visit or virtual tour. This is to ensure that the bird will be placed in the appropriate environment. Subsequent home visits may be required following placement of the bird.

### **Virtual Tour**

If submitting a virtual tour in lieu of a home visit, it should be a several minute long video. Begin at the front door showing your address and provide a narrated walk-through of your home. Show us where the bird will be kept, show us the cage if you have one, and introduce us to any other pets in your home.

Most videos are too large to be sent by email. Videos should be uploaded to a third party service (ie Google Drive, Drop Box, YouTube, etc.) Email the link to [adoption@gccbc.org](mailto:adoption@gccbc.org). Be sure to turn on link sharing. In your email state the name of the person applying and the name of the bird.

The adoption committee will review the application and video once both have been received. Each situation is unique. It may take several weeks and multiple visits before an adoption decision is made, depending upon the bird being applied for and the experience level of the potential adopter. Adopter must demonstrate the ability to interact well with the desired bird.

The submission of an Adoption Application does not guarantee approval of the bird applied for.

The adoption committee will not consider an application until both the application and video have been received unless other arrangements have been made, ie a home visit.

### **Adoption Placement Contract**

The Potential Adopter must read and understand the Adoption Placement Contract (Acceptance Form). The Potential Adopter must sign the legal and binding Placement Contract.

Failure of the Potential Adopter to successfully and appropriately comply with any of the above, or other criteria as Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society may deem appropriate, will preclude the Potential Adopter from being approved to receive any bird in Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society program.

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## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society CANNOT guarantee the health of any bird even with the best veterinary care and testing. Upon request, Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society will provide the bird's medical records to your veterinarian for review prior to the adoption finalization.

If you decide that you are no longer able to provide for your Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society adopted bird, then that bird MUST be returned to Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society per the terms of the Probationary and Permanent Adoption agreements. You will also be asked to provide Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society appropriate information regarding the care of your bird in the event that you are no longer able to provide for its care and well-being. It is critical to Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society that your directives consider the long-term care and well-

being of any bird adopted through Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Adoption Agreement.

During the three-month Probationary Period, Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society has the right to make inspections at any reasonable time after 24 hour notice to determine whether you are complying with your obligations under the Agreement and whether you are maintaining the health and safety of the bird. Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society reserves the right to remove the bird at any time if it determines, in its sole opinion and discretion, that you are not complying with your obligations under the Agreement or you are not maintaining the health and safety of the bird.

I agree to allow Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society to contact my references and perform any background checking prior to approval of this application.

I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNATURES**

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Applicant's Name (Print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Co-applicant's Name (Print)

Co-applicant's Signature

Date

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Applicant's Driver's License Number / State Issued (REQUIRED)

NOTE: POTENTIAL ADOPTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING AN ENLARGED COPY OF HIS/HER/THEIR VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE(S) IF ADOPTION IS APPROVED

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GCCBS Manager Accepting Application

Date