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## **Volunteer Application**

### **Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Other Background Information/Experience**

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have parrots of your own? If so, how many? What kind? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you worked with parrots before? If so where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you volunteered before? At any other rescues or shelters? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please share a little more about yourself and why you're interested in volunteering with our organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our shelter volunteers care for our birds every day of the week between 10 am and 2 pm. We ask that our volunteers commit at least 4 hours a month of their time. Are you able to make this commitment? YES / NO Which days of the week are you available and at what times (10 am – 2 pm)?

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat

Do you have any questions or comments for us? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Release and Waiver of Liability and Media Release Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY as this document affects your legal rights. This RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY and MEDIA RELEASE FORM (the “Release”) is executed by the undersigned in favor of GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIRD SOCIETY, and Illinois non-profit, its directors, officers, volunteers, and agents (collectively, “GCCBS”).

I understand that the behavior and temperament of birds can be unpredictable and that touching, handling, or other contact with a bird may involve risk of property damage and personal injury. I also understand that if I bring a pet to the shelter, it may sustain injury or illness because of contact with the birds at the shelter. Therefore, as a condition of entering the shelter and/or interacting with birds that are in the care of GCCBS, I execute this Release subject to the following terms and conditions:

**1. Waiver and Release.** I hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless GCCBS and its successors and assigns from all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from my visit to GCCBS’s shelter or interactions with birds in the care of GCCBS. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges GCCBS from any liability or claim that I may have against GCCBS with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury and illness, death, or property damage. I understand that GCCBS does not provide any insurance coverage or financial assistance in the event of injury or illness. I acknowledge that I will release GCCBS in any location where GCCBS activities are conducted , of and from all claims which may hereafter develop or accrue to me on account of loss or damage, bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage, because of any matter, thing, or condition, negligence or default whatsoever, and I hereby assume and accept the full risk and danger of any hurt, injury, or damage which may occur through or by reason of any matter, thing or condition, negligence or default, or any person or persons whatsoever. Further, I understand that GCCBS does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide me with financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability benefits or insurance of any nature in the event of my injury, illness, death, or damage to my property. I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of GCCBS beyond what may be offered freely by GCCBS in the event of such injury or medical expenses incurred by me. I hereby Prelease and forever discharge GCCBS from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during my visit to GCCBS’s shelter.

**2. Assumption of the Risk for Volunteers.** I understand that volunteer work/community service at GCCBS’s shelter may include activities that could be hazardous including, but not limited to working with birds, cleaning, setting up and breaking down cages, loading and unloading equipment and materials, and transportation relative to work being performed.

**3. Photographs and Media.** I grant GCCBS, as well as news and print media outlets, permission to use photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, web content, and social media.

I have read and understand this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY and MEDIA RELEASE FORM. By signing below, I agree on behalf of myself and all minors who accompany me to be legally bound by this release.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Minors: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Guidelines

*Thank you for helping us care for the bird whose wellbeing depends on you and our other volunteers. We could not do what we do without you. The following guidelines are to help you properly care for the birds, keep everyone safe and make the experience a good one for all of us. By signing this document, you agree to abide by the guidelines detailed below.*

✓ DO NOT LET BIRDS OUT of their cages unless you have permission from the Day Manager, are able to monitor and control the bird and are able to return the bird to its cage. It is dangerous for birds to be walking on the ground or on any other bird's cage. Caged birds can bite the feet of any bird on the outside of its cage, which can cause life-threatening injury.

✓ All birds have the potential to bite! You are cleaning, handling, and working around them at your own risk. Remember birds can be territorial and jealous of attention you are giving to another bird.

✓ Please help clean, feed and water all birds before removing one for socialization. It places an excess burden on the other volunteers to finish the bulk of the work. Breaks are fine, but please let Manager know where you left off and do not stop in the middle of doing a cage to prevent missing something.

✓ Flighted birds should not be removed from their cage without first moving it into the aviary/playroom with door closed. We cannot risk having a bird fly out the door or into a window. This is especially detrimental to small birds, therefore NO SMALL BIRDS shall be uncaged in the main area of the shelter, including showing them to a potential adopter.

✓ The birds always have a choice to step up or interact with you, do not force them on to a hand or perch. Forcing a bird to perform is bad practice and will not be tolerated.

✓ Please help us keep clean and SAFE. If you see something that needs to be done, and you know the proper procedure, please do it. Be aware of brooms, mops, items left lying around that could cause someone to trip. PUT ALL ITEM IN THEIR PROPER PLACE when finished using them. THINK ABOUT the SAFETY of our birds, visitors, other volunteers, and yourself.

✓ When visitors arrive, please politely greet them and introduce them to the day manager who will follow-up with them. Please help keep them safe by monitoring them as appropriate.

✓ If you are having an issue with someone or find a problem you cannot resolve, please find the day manager on duty to resolve.

✓ All cages, food & water cups will be cleaned every day with shelter provided cleaners. You are required to empty, rinse, and refill the cleaning basins multiple times to insure proper cleaning. Volunteers will be shown the procedures we wish you to follow for cleaning during training or by the day manager.

✓ The Avian Welfare Committee manages the care of our birds. Nails, wings, or beaks are NOT to be clipped or trimmed by anyone not approved by the Avian Welfare committee or the Shelters Veterinarian. If you find a bird you believe is sick or injured, please notify the Day Manager immediately.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_