

## CONFIDENTIAL BIRD ADOPTION APPLICATION

### Terms of the Adoption

Thank you for expressing interest in adopting a bird from Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc. This is a serious commitment for you, your family and for us. We hope this relationship will endure for many years.

When adopting a bird from Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc., please understand that you are accepting the honor of continuing to provide for a bird that is truly in need of a nurturing, caring and committed environment. Our adoption procedures are designed to be in the bird's best interest. We appreciate your patience with this process.

Taking care of an exotic bird is a serious responsibility. More often than with most other pets, not everyone who wishes to live with an exotic bird is able to provide for the bird's wellbeing. We must ensure that each person who adopts a bird understands these responsibilities and can fulfill them.

All adoption requests must be made by an adult that is 21 years of age or older. While we encourage children to learn how to relate to all animals, the sole responsibility of the care of a bird should not be used as a child's teaching tool. Therefore, Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc. does not adopt birds to children.

The following application has been designed to aid both you and us in determining whether you and your family can provide a suitable environment for parrots in accordance with our protocol. Please answer all questions and explain any answers or add comments. If a question does not apply, write "N/A". Please type or print clearly.

It is important to read thoroughly the Terms of this Adoption agreement.

Please be advised that Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc. cannot guarantee the health of any bird. When a bird comes to us, it has often had a series of owners and an undocumented history.

We cannot guarantee that the bird will not bite. We do ask that you wait to adopted another bird for 6 months. The bird is going to need time to adjust and to start bonding totally with you before you begin sharing your time with another parrot.

Please be aware that if you decide that you are no longer able to provide for your adopted bird, the bird **MUST** be returned to Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc. per the terms of the Adoption Agreement. You will also be asked to provide appropriate information regarding the care of your bird in the event that you are no longer able to provide for its care and wellbeing. It is critical to us that your directives consider the long-term care and wellbeing of any bird adopted through us in accordance with the terms of the Adoption Agreement.

When you adopt a bird from Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc., you will be required to contact Margaret Ouali within 48 hours of settling in with your new family member.

We request that you call or email us with monthly updates on your adopted parrot during the first two-month period. We will make two visits to your home to ensure that all is well with the adoption. The second visit will be to finalize the adoption.

By signing this Confidential Bird Adoption Application you agree to be bound by the provisions in the Adoption Agreement during the Two-month period.

We appreciate your interest in adopting an exotic bird from Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse / Significant Other / Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Spouse / Significant Other / Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Ages of Children (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do all adults in your household know you are applying to adopt a bird?  No  Yes

2. Do any of the members of your household object to adopting a bird?  No  Yes

3. Are you interested in giving this bird as a gift?  No  Yes

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

4. Is it important that the bird likes and interacts with all family members equally?  No  Yes

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who will be primarily responsible for the bird care? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If applicable, will children be included in the bird care?  No  Yes

7. What is the responsible person's weekly schedule?

Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_

Weeknights \_\_\_\_\_

Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

8. How many hours a day will the bird be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does the responsible person travel?  No  Yes

When s/he is away (either for business or vacation) who will care for the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Type of dwelling?  House  Condo  Apartment  Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. Rent or own?  Rent  Own

12. If you rent, do you have your Landlord's consent to have a bird?  No  Yes

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

13. Does anyone in your household smoke?  No  Yes If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Please check to which magazines you subscribe  Bird Talk  Bird Times  Birds USA

15. Do you belong to any bird-related organizations?  No  Yes

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

16. In which species of bird are you primarily interested and why? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What do you expect from a pet parrot? \_\_\_\_\_

18. What characteristics of a parrot are most important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you aware that exotic birds might have or develop bad habits (destruction of clothing, furniture, drapery or anything within reach, biting, screaming, dislike of strangers or your mate, leaving droppings everywhere) and that these habits can be difficult to break?  No  Yes

20. If the bird develops a bad habit, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Are you aware that exotic birds require a great deal of attention and maintenance and that they can be expensive to keep fed, healthy, housed and entertained?  No  Yes

22. How much do you think a pet parrot will cost per year? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What do you feed an exotic bird? \_\_\_\_\_

24. What equipment do you think a parrot will need? \_\_\_\_\_

25. In what part of your house will the bird spend most of its time? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Where will the bird sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

27. What other areas and play stations will be available for the bird?

Indoor \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor \_\_\_\_\_

28. Under what circumstances would you *not* want to keep the bird?

Divorce/separation  New relationship  New Baby  New Job

Moving  Allergy  Other Pets  Serious illness

Biting or Screaming  Prefers another person  Not enough time  Neighbors complain

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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29. Do you have any prior experience in keeping exotic birds?  No  Yes

30. Do you share your home with any exotic birds now?  No  Yes

If yes, how many, types, and ages? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Are you aware that exotic birds may carry diseases that can infect humans?  No  Yes

32. If you share your home with exotic birds now, have your birds been checked for infectious diseases?  No  Yes, date \_\_\_\_\_

33. Do you know an Avian Veterinarian?  No  Yes

If yes, Name \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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

34. Have you considered what will happen to your pet(s) should you no longer be able to care for them?

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

35. Have you considered the lifespan of your adopted bird and how you will plan for its needs if/when you are no longer physically able to do so?

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS.

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed application to: Margaret Ouali, Jojo The Grey Bird Adoption and Rescue for Birds Inc., 7008 Wayne Avenue, Upper Darby, PA 19082