

### Meika's Safehouse Ltd.

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# **Adoption Guidelines**

**NOTE:** We ONLY adopt out in the local Edmonton & surrounding area.

<u>Important - Please read carefully.</u> The following is description of how our adoption process works. This should answer all of your questions.

- 1. Submit a signed Pre-Adoption Application and signed Guidelines.
- 2. Our Adoption Committee reviews your application and contacts you for the initial phone interview.
- 3. A home visit\* is required to see where our feathered friend would live. We work hard to match the feathered friend to your family.
- 4. Depending on the situation, we usually require a minimum of three visits before any adoption is allowed to take place.
- 5. If we deem that your home is a good forever home for feathered friends, then we will consider this as a possible adoption.
- 6. The Rescue Committee comes together and determines if you and your family are the perfect home for our feathered friend and that he is perfect for you and your environment.
- 7. Adoption fees are set on a case by case basis and do include cages. All birds that we

take in undergo strict 30-day quarantine to the best of our ability; a health exam. Although it is case by case, there are times we feel it is necessary to run more testing on a feathered friend to ensure his good health.

\*\*\*If your application or home visit is not approved, the adoption committee will not continue with the adoption process.

#### Please read:

Please complete the entire application. The more information your give us, the better. If your application is not complete, we cannot process it. You must meet the following criteria before you are able to adopt a feathered friend.

- ~ Be 21 years of age or older.
- ~ Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment and proper care for a feathered friend.
- ~ Reside in the local Edmonton, Alberta or surrounding area.
- ~ Must *not* smoke inside the home.
- ~ Must *not* use Teflon in the home.
- ~ Be willing to continue your avian education so that you and your family truly do understand about proper avian care, nutrition, and environmental enrichment.

We are a volunteer organization and handle most of our rescue business in the evenings. Please be patient as we process your application.

#### Please NOTE the following:

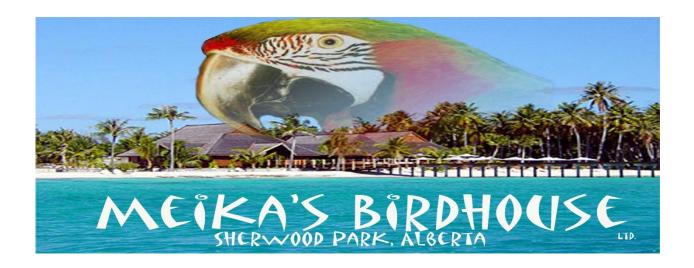
- ~ A submitted application does not guarantee adoption of a feathered friend from Meika's Safehouse Ltd., nor does the application guarantee that the feathered friend an applicant would LIKE to adopt from us is the one that is best suited to meet their wishes. Meika's Safehouse reserves the right to recommend another feathered friend that they feel is best suited to match the application.
- ~ Adoptive families must agree to: periodic follow-up calls and/or visits, we will be available to assist you with any challenges you may be having.
- ~ Meika's Safehouse Ltd. is committed to our feathered friends, and <u>REQUIRES</u> that they be returned to Meika's Safehouse Ltd. in the event that they cannot at any time remain in their new home.

Adoption fees are **non refundable** after a three month period as they basically cover the cost of the birds medical workups and care while with us.

\*\*\*Submission of your application confirms that you have read and understood the adoption procedures and notes, and indicates your agreement to abide by these guidelines.

I have read, understand, and agree to all the terms in these guidelines.

Name:	Date:	
Name:	Date:	



## **Adoption Application**

Bird ownership is a serious responsibility. Meika's Safehouse Ltd. policy is to assure that each person who adopts a bird is aware of this responsibility and that they are fully capable of accepting that responsibility. Exotic birds are very special creatures with individualized needs and we want to find the best possible situation for each and every one in our care. It is our obligation to periodically check up on how the bird and new owner are doing.

The following application has been designed to aid both you and us in placing our birds in homes suitable for both the bird and it's human. Please answer all the questions, feel free to explain any answers in detail or add additional comments. If a question does not apply, please write "N/A". The application will not be processed if any questions are left unanswered. All information in the application will remain confidential unless you give us written permission to release it.

Name:		Date of Birth:
Address:		
		Postal Code:
Email Address:		
Home:	Work:	Cell:
Are there children i	n the family? Yes No Ages	S: _

Occupation (You): Occupation (Spouse):			
Do all the adults in your household know that you are adopting a bird? Yes No Who will be primarily responsible for the bird's care?			
Do you now or have you ever bred birds? Yes No When and what species?			
What is your basic weekly schedule?  Weekdays:Evenings:Weekends:  How many hours a day would the bird be left alone?			
Type of dwelling: HouseCondoApartmentOther: Do you: rent own If you rent, do you have your landlord's consent to have a bird? Yes No Would you allow a visit to your premises prior & post adoption by a Meikas Safehouse representative? Yes No			
List ALL pets you have at this time.			
What species of bird(s) are you primarily interested in & why?			
How important to you are the following characteristics in a pet bird? Rate each attribute on a scale of 1-5 - with 1 being not particularly important and 5 being very important.  ColorSize IntelligenceTalkerPrice/Value Personality  Companionship Ease of care CuddlinessUniquenessOther wants			
Do you travel a great deal? Yes No When you are away who would care for the bird?			
Do you have any plans to travel to or relocate out of the Canada? Yes No What does one feed a parrot?			
Do you know an avian veterinarian? (Yes ) (No) :Vet Name			
Do you or anyone in your household smoke? Yes No			
Are you willing to provide the bird with a smoke-free environment in which to live? Yes No			

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In ANY event that the bird does not work out, you must agree to return the bird to Meika's Safehouse Ltd. immediately. You may NOT trade, sell, give the bird to a third party.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Meika's Safehouse Ltd. reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason. If approved, this application becomes a part of the adoption contract.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: You <u>may NOT</u>, and any other person <u>may NOT</u>, sell, trade, or give away the bird to a third party.

If, for any reason, you are unable to keep the bird at any time in the future, then ownership of the bird reverts back to Meika's Safehouse\*\*\*

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms in this application.		
	Date	
Signature of Acceptance		