



# Meika's Safehouse Ltd.

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## Adoption Guidelines

**NOTE: We ONLY adopt in the province of Alberta. We do not ship birds.**

**Important – Please read carefully. The following is a description of how our adoption process works. This should answer all of your questions.**

- 1. Come and meet the birds we have in our adoption process. If you make a meaningful connection with one of our birds, proceed to the next step.**
- 2. Submit this signed adoption application form and agreement.**
- 3. A home visit is required to see where our feathered friend would live. We work hard to make sure the match is good for both your family and our friend.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

- 4. Depending on the situation, we usually require a minimum of three visits before an adoption can take place.**
- 5. If the adoption committee unanimously deems the application as viable and the applicant passes the house visit, a health check by a trusted veterinarian will be booked to ensure you are adopting a healthy pet, and a microchip is inserted into the bird.**
- 6. Adoption fees are set on a case by case basis and usually includes their cage.**

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

## **Agreement**

**Please complete the entire application. The more information you give us, the better we can ensure you get a feathered friend that is right for your family and lifestyle. If your application is not complete, we cannot process it. You must meet the following criteria before you are able to adopt a Safehouse feathered friend.**

**You must:**

- Be 18 years 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 Alberta .**
- Must not smoke in the home.**
- Must not use Teflon or air fresheners like candles or febreze anywhere around the bird.**
- Be willing to continue your avian education so that you and your family truly do understand about proper avian care, nutrition, and environmental enrichment.**

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**We are a volunteer organization and handle most of our rescue business during down times of business hours, 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 bird the applicant would LIKE to adopt from us is the right match for the application.**

**-Adoptive families must agree to: Periodic follow-up calls, emails, texts or visit. 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 REQUIRES that they be returned to Meika's Safehouse Ltd. If they cannot – at any time – remain in their new home.**

**To ensure a good match is made, we give our adopters a 3-month window from the date of adoption to test the waters with your new friend. If you do not feel a good match was made, you can bring the bird (and cage if applicable) back within 3 months and we refund the adoption fee less the vet check.**

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

**I have read, understood and agree to all the terms in these guidelines and agreement.**

**Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

# Application

**Bird ownership is a serious responsibility. Meika's Safehouse 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 on how the bird and new owners 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 its human. Please answer all the questions honestly and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Province:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any children living in the home? Yes No**

**Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation (You):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation (Spouse):** \_\_\_\_\_

**-Are all the adults in the household in agreement to adopt a bird?**

**Yes**

**No**

**-What is your bird experience?**

**None - but I want to learn**

**A Little - can use some coaching**

**A Lot - I got this!**

**-Do you now or have you ever bred birds? Yes No**

**If yes, When and what species?**

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**What is your basic weekly schedule?**

**Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends: \_\_\_\_\_ Evenings: \_\_\_\_\_**

**How many hours a day would the bird be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Type of Dwelling: House \_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you: Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you rent, do you have your landlords' consent to have a bird?**

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**Would you allow a visit to your premises prior and post adoption by a Meika's Safehouse Representative? Yes No**

**Please list ALL the pets you have at this time: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**What specific bird are you primarily interested in and why?**

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**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 important to 5  
being VERY important)**

**Color \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Intelligence \_\_\_\_\_ Talker \_\_\_\_\_**

**Price/value \_\_\_\_\_ Personality \_\_\_\_\_ Companionship \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ease of care \_\_\_\_\_ Cuddliness \_\_\_\_\_ Uniqueness \_\_\_\_\_**

**Noise level \_\_\_\_\_ Tameness \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you travel a great deal? Yes No**

**When you are away, who would look after the bird? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Do you have any plans to relocate out of Canada? Yes No**

**What does one feed a parrot? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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?**

**Yes No**

**In any event that the bird does not work out, you must agree to return  
the bird to Meika's Safehouse immediately. You may NOT trade, sell,  
or give the bird to a third party.**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Meika's Safehouse reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason at any time during the adoption process.**

**If approved, this application becomes a part of the adoption contract.**

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

**I have read, understand and agree to the terms in this application.**

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**Signature of acceptance**

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**Date**

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**Print**

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**Signature of acceptance**

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**Date**

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**Print**

**For office use only**

**Bird:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**House visit date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**House visit time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vet appointment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Adoption:** \_\_\_\_\_