



“Parrots: Their Lives... Our Choice”

BIRD ACQUISITION CONTRACT – 5 PAGES

The Gabriel Foundation (“The Foundation”) is an IRS recognized 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and public charity dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and health of exotic birds through humane education, research, and service. The Foundation is completely donor supported. You have requested The Foundation to take ownership and care of the Bird. **Send completed form via fax, email or USPS to the addresses listed at the bottom of this page.**

Name of Bird _____ Date _____
 Species _____ M _____ F _____ D.N.A. Certificate Y ___ N ___
 Approximate Age _____ or Date of Hatch _____ Purchase price _____
 How long with Owner/Responsible Individual? _____ Previous number of homes? _____
 Name of Owner(s) _____
 Address _____
 City • State • Zip Code _____
 Telephone (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____ (fax) _____
 Email _____

Please check all that apply:

- Not enough time/Change in priorities/
 - For the bird’s best interest
 - Behavior/Biting, noise, aggression
 - Spouse/Conflict with relationship
 - Owner moving
 - Owner’s illness/Medical needs
 - Feather picking/Not attractive
 - New Baby in household/Conflict with children
 - Bird too messy, loud or destructive
 - Bird’s failure to meet expectations
 - Death of Owner
 - Change in living situation
 - Bird’s medical needs
 - Financial Hardship of Owner
- Other reasons for giving up your bird _____

- I want my bird to be placed into the Foundation’s adoption program as a suitable candidate for adoption.
- I want my bird(s) be placed only in the Foundation’s Sanctuary program and will provide financial support for my relinquished bird.

Whether prior to its arrival at The Gabriel Foundation or upon placement with The Gabriel Foundation, every bird must undergo a thorough avian wellness exam, the nature of which may vary depending upon the bird’s species, age, history or physical findings. This extremely important procedure helps to provide for the safety of your bird as well as the current flock in residence at The Gabriel Foundation. Parrots often mask their illnesses, and though your bird may “act fine” or has “never been sick” diagnostics can help to determine whether or not that is correct according to the best current practices in avian medicine. Birds may pass disease through their feces and oral or nasal discharge to other birds. Parrots may carry *Chlamydia psittaci* or avian tuberculosis that is transmissible to other birds or people.



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TGF’s Avian Medical Protocol is designed to rule out possible indicators of disease. The charges for this testing can vary for an avian wellness exam and diagnostic testing, but average estimates are:

Canary/Finch/Budgerigars/doves, pigeons	\$60.00
Cockatiel/Lovebird/small birds	\$100.00
Most other parrots	\$300.00/\$400.00

A copy of The Gabriel Foundation’s Avian Medical Requirements is included. Although a variety of diagnostics is listed, the list does not mean that each of these tests is required for your bird to enter into TGF’s care. We are available to answer your questions and provide you information why a particular test is or is not necessary based on your bird’s veterinary/medical history. We recommend that you discuss costs with your veterinarian prior to any testing. The Gabriel Foundation’s philosophy is this bird has been in your care for “X” years, and as its caregiver/owner, you are responsible for its medical health welfare. Just because your bird has never “been sick” or has always been healthy may not be the case. Birds hide diseases as a means of survival. There is always the possibility of underlying bacterial, viral or infectious disease. Veterinary medicine is able to measure calcium density, lipid levels, and organ function. A comprehensive wellness exam provides a blueprint of your bird’s health. If your bird has never been to a veterinarian with a special interest in avian medicine, TGF can arrange for a veterinary wellness exam with one of our long time veterinarians, or we can provide a referral. The optimal time for your bird to have this exam is within 1-3 months of your bird’s placement at TGF so that all diagnostic results will be available. Another option is that upon placement of our bird with TGF, we will arrange for its veterinary/medical intake exam. The charge for this exam is based you’re your bird’s species. If you have a small flock, some combined testing may be possible. You will provide payment for your bird’s veterinary exam at the time of its placement. All funds provided with your bird’s placement are tax-deductible to you according to the rules of the IRS. Other items, like toys, food, cages, play stands, crates, etc. are considered in-kind (non-cash donations) and will be acknowledged for IRS tax donation purposes.

To ease your bird’s transition into TGF, whenever possible, when your bird is placed with us, please provide your bird’s cage, dishes and toys along with any of your bird’s favorite things.

The Foundation is requested to accept hundreds of birds annually. Due to the costs of medical care, caging, outdoor aviaries, toys, food, flight habitats, full time employees, plus the day-to-day business and operational needs of providing for the birds in our care, it is financially impossible for us to provide the high standards of care for all resident birds without your financial support for your bird. Your financial responsibility for your bird’s well-being does not end when your bird enters The Gabriel Foundation.

Program support fees provide for the absolute best in care for your bird(s) while in the care of The Gabriel Foundation. Benefits include:

- Daily hands-on care and interaction, bird-to-bird social interaction, frequent bathing and attention to special-needs birds by highly skilled aviary technicians.
- Nutritious, well balanced diets that include fresh greens, vegetables, fruit, legumes, grains, nuts, seeds, Lafeber’s Nutribberries, ZuPreem pellets, and other bird food diets as appropriate.
- Indoor & Outdoor habitats (depending on your bird’s physical location) with enriched environments, social, interactive and foraging opportunities.



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- Medical services and quality supportive care provided by experienced veterinarians with a special interest in avian medicine, CVT's, TGF's trained staff and AHT's.

The Program Fee Schedule reflects **minimum** financial support for a bird placed with The Gabriel Foundation. All program fees and veterinary care reimbursement are tax-deductible for birds in TGF's Sanctuary and Rehabilitation programs. All donations, both cash and non-cash provided for any bird in TGF's sanctuary or rehabilitation programs are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged for IRS purposes.

Photos and updates of your bird are provided upon request to The Gabriel Foundation. We encourage you to email or submit your request online for follow up information regarding your bird. You are welcome to visit your bird as long as the appointment is scheduled prior to your visit. TGF staff is able to set up a video call for you to visit your bird using Facetime, Viber, WhatsApp and Skype.

Program Fee Schedule – minimum support.

- 1 Finch or Canary: \$20/month or \$240/year
- 1 small bird – Budgie, Lovebird, Cockatiel, Forpus, Dove: \$30/month or \$360/year
- 1 small Conure, small Lory or Quaker, Rosella, Brotogeris, Forpus, or Neophema: \$60/month or \$720/year
- 1 Dwarf Macaw, small Amazon, Pionus, Asiatic Parrot, large Conure, Poicephalus, or Lory: \$70/month or \$840/year
- 1 Amazon, small (RB2, G2, BE2, Citron, Lesser) Cockatoo, Eclectus, Grey Parrot, or small Macaw: \$90/month or \$1080/year
- 1 Macaw, large Amazon, large (GSC2, Triton, U2) Cockatoo: \$120/month or \$1400/year
- 1 Hyacinth Macaw, Greenwing Macaw, or Moluccan Cockatoo: \$150/month or \$1800/year

If the program fees for the care of your bird become 30 days past due, you will be notified and payment in full is expected within 10 business days of mail out notice unless previous financial arrangements have been made between you and The Gabriel Foundation, which will be documented in writing. Failure to provide payment for the care of your bird will result in “Abandoned by Owner” status for your bird. _____ (Owner's initials)

I pledge and agree to become a Lifetime member of The Gabriel Foundation: \$3000.00 (one-time or 4-\$750 quarterly donations, or 12-\$250 monthly payments), fully tax-deductible) Initials _____

I understand that the Foundation requests this donation to accept my bird(s) into its care for the specific program that I request for my bird(s).

I pledge and agree to provide a one-time donation to the Foundation for the care for my bird upon acceptance of my bird(s) to The Gabriel Foundation.

____ I will make a one-time, tax-exempt donation for the daily care and maintenance of my bird at time of placement based upon a pre-determined mutually agreed-upon amount with The Gabriel Foundation in accordance with TGF's program support fees (above) at minimum.

Amount: \$ _____

____ **Enroll me in auto-payment for future donations:** use my credit card as listed below. I understand that I am legally responsible for notifying The Gabriel Foundation of any change in the credit card that used for auto bill, any change of my address or contact information, or any change in my bird's status. I understand that my credit card will be charged on the entry date of my bird(s) into TGF of every subsequent year. I agree to pay a ____ monthly or ____ annual donation of \$ _____ to the Foundation for the cost of care for the health and well-being of my bird for _____ month, _____ years, or _____ until the end of its life for the terms agreed to upon my bird's placement with TGF Initials _____

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Founded in 1995, The Gabriel Foundation is a 501(C)(3) avicultural and veterinary affiliated non-profit parrot welfare organization licensed by the State of Colorado, whose mission and purpose is to provide safe sanctuary and care for parrots in need, match extraordinary birds with caring adopters, and to inspire and encourage all to responsibly improve the lives of companion parrots. Tax ID 84-1396085



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___ **Set me up for EFT payments.** I understand that I am legally responsible for notifying The Gabriel Foundation of any change in the Bank routing and account information used for EFT payments; for any change of my address or contact information, or any change in my bird's status. I understand that EFT payments are made annually on the entry date of my bird(s) into TGF and for each subsequent year. I agree to pay an additional ___ monthly or ___ annual donation of \$_____ to the Foundation for the cost of care for the health and well-being of my bird for _____ month, _____ years, or _____ until the end of its life for the terms agreed to upon my bird's placement with TGF. **Initials** _____

I accept / do not accept financial responsibility for reasonable medical and/or veterinary care incurred on behalf of the Bird in the event of a medical emergency for my relinquished bird while it is in the care of The Gabriel Foundation. (Select one)

Name of Bird Owner _____
Responsible Party (if different) _____
Address _____
City, State and Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____
Email _____
Method of Payment: Check # _____ Credit Card: Visa ___ MC ___ Discover ___ American Express ___
CC# _____ CCV# _____ Exp Date _____
Billing address if different from mailing address _____

Signature of Responsible Party _____

No, the Foundation cannot count on me to financially assist with the cost of care for the future welfare for the bird(s) I have relinquished to its care.

Please explain: _____

By signing this Bird Acquisition Contract (the "Contract"), you transfer ownership of the bird described above (the "Bird") to The Foundation. Your signature confirms that you agree to the terms of this Contract.

If for any reason the Bird is returned to you, you agree to reimburse The Foundation for all expenses of caring for the Bird, such as veterinary care, food, toys, boarding, and overhead expenses. Donations or support for your bird made to The Gabriel Foundation is **non-refundable**.

You warrant to The Foundation that you are the sole owner of the Bird, have the right to transfer its ownership to The Foundation, and that there are no encumbrances on or other ownership interests to the Bird.

You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless The Foundation, its agents, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and affiliates from and against all actions, claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) if any of the above warranties are incorrect or incomplete, or if you breach this Contract.

You agree, without additional consideration, to sign, acknowledge, and deliver any other documents and take any other action necessary or appropriate and reasonably requested by The Foundation to carry out the intent and purposes of this Contract.



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Colorado law will govern this Contract, and you agree that any litigation arising under this Contract will be brought in a court having jurisdiction within Colorado. In any dispute, the prevailing party shall recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

MAINTAINING CONTACT

It is your decision about whether or not you want like to receive updates and information pertaining to your surrendered bird. Please check the appropriate box so that we may respect your wishes.

- No**, do not contact me regarding my bird(s) placed with The Gabriel Foundation.
- Yes**, I want to receive updates about the bird(s) I have placed with The Gabriel Foundation. I understand that I may contact the Foundation to inquire about my bird and that it is my responsibility to make inquiries about my bird(s).The Foundation will provide me updates in a timely manner upon request.

DONATION VALUATION

You may request a donation acknowledgement letter from The Gabriel Foundation for tax purposes when you donate your parrot and/or other items to The Gabriel Foundation, a public charity. The Foundation cannot provide you with a valuation amount for the donated items; your original purchase receipts for items donated to The Gabriel Foundation should be provided to your tax-planning professional along with a copy of The Gabriel Foundation’s IRS donation acknowledgement letter. Please check with your tax professional for additional information regarding charitable donations.

- Yes**, please provide me with a donation acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. I am donating the following items to The Gabriel Foundation:

Use next page to list additional items.

- No**, do not provide me a donation acknowledgement letter

I have read this Contract, understand it, and agree to its terms.

Witness signature

Responsible Individual’s signature

Witness name (printed)

Responsible Individual’s name (printed)

Witness address

Responsible Individual’s address