



Gainesville Cockatiel Rescue

Cockatiel and Small Bird Rescue. Located in Gainesville Florida



Adoption Application

Rescue website: [Gainesville Cockatiel Rescue](http://GainesvilleCockatielRescue.com)

Contact: Jennifer Hugus

E-mail: betta5@yahoo.com

Caring for a bird is a serious **responsibility**. It is very important that each person desiring to adopt a rescue bird, be able to provide adequate housing, good nutrition, exercise, and stimulation for the bird. Anyone wishing to adopt a bird must be able to morally and financially be able to take on this responsibility. It is important that you educate yourself on the species you wish to adopt and ask any questions on aspects of care you are uncertain about. Adopters must be 18 years of age to adopt a bird. Please answer all the questions and e-mail this application back to: betta5@yahoo.com with the subject Bird Application in the subject line. After the application is processed you will be contacted and a home visit may be scheduled. All questions must be answered for this application to be processed. **All questions** must be answered to proceed.

Adoption Fee Note:

Rescue birds are often kept and cared for, for several months minimum. This means each bird requires a large cage, quality food, toys, and hours of time to tame them or modify behavioral issues. In addition to the costs just mentioned, ill or injured birds may require veterinary care which will also increase costs for the rescue. These birds **will not** be given away for free. Generally adoption fees will be \$100 for a cockatiel/with cage / supplies and \$150 for a pair of cockatiels with cage/toys/food. Adoption fees are a way of insuring that you will be able to financially care for the bird(s) you want to adopt (as well as help get back a portion of money spent on them so that other rescue birds can be helped and cared for). Please realize that often more money has been spent on individual birds than the adoption fee requested. **All** adoption fees collected are used to care for other rescue birds.

Household Information

Your Name: _____

Partner's Name: _____

Your Age (place an **X** next to one): ____ 18-25

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____ 26-45 ____ 46-65 ____ 66+

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Do you have any children living (full- or part-time) in your home? _____
If yes, please list names and ages below:

Child #1

Name: _____

Age: _____

Child #2

Name: _____

Age: _____

Child #3

Name: _____

Age: _____

Child #4

Name: _____

Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Your E-mail: _____ Partner's E-mail: _____

Your Employer: _____ Your Occupation: _____

Years Employed There: _____ Your Work Hours: _____

Your Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Partner's Employer: _____ Partner's Occupation: _____

Years Employed There: _____ Partner's Work Hours: _____

Partner's Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Partner's Work Phone: _____

Who will be the primary caregiver(s) for this bird? _____

Are all members of the household aware that you are applying to adopt a bird? _____

In what type of residence do you live? (House, Condominium, Apartment, Other) _____

Do you rent or own your home? _____ If renting, does your landlord allow pets? _____

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Does anyone in your household have a health condition that could hinder his or her ability to handle or care for the bird.?

If yes, please describe: _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies? _____

If yes, Please list _____

Does anyone in your home smoke? _____

Do you currently have other birds in your home? _____

If yes, how many and what species? _____

Have you had previously owned birds that you no longer own? _____

If yes, why do you no longer own these birds. What happened to them? _____

Do you currently have other pets living in your home? _____
If yes, please list the species and how many:

Describe your daily routine at home: _____

Does this routine change on weekends? _____. If yes, how? _____

If you have pets, do you have a veterinarian you regularly use? _____

Vet's name: _____

Veterinary Hospital name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

If you have a veterinarian, is he or she an avian veterinarian (does he or she treat birds)? _____

If, you do not have an avian vet, do you need a list of avian veterinarians in your area? _____

Do you need information on proper bird care and quarantine procedures? _____

Anticipated Household Changes

Do you or your partner plan to make a significant occupation or employment change in the future? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

If you do not have children now, do you plan to have some in the future? _____

If your family or primary relationships were to change significantly, would you be able to keep your commitment to owning and caring for a birds? _____

Why or why not? _____

If your living or financial situation were to change drastically, would you be able to keep a bird? _____

Please describe the lifestyle changes you may anticipate over the next 5, 10, 25 years? _____

Do you travel with your job or family? _____ Who would care for your bird(s) while you are gone? _____

What provisions have you made for your birds or other pets in the event of your illness/death? _____

Interest in Birds and Experiences

How did you hear about Gainesville Cockatiel Rescue? _____

What experiences have you had with pet birds (whether your own or those belonging to other people)?

What resources have you read on proper care of pet birds? _____

What is the most important characteristic you are looking for in a bird? _____

What are some needs/or traits particular to cockatiels?

Explain proper care and nutrition for a cockatiel: _____

Explain proper housing for a cockatiel: _____

If your adopted bird developed a behavioral problem how would you deal with it? _____

If your adopted bird becomes ill how will you deal with this problem? _____

Why do you want to a cockatiel (or other type of bird if it is not a cockatiel you are interested in adopting)? _____

Is there a particular bird on the Gainesville Cockatiel Rescue website that you are interested in adopting? _____

If so, Why? _____

Would you be open to adopting other birds if that bird is not available or if there is a bird that better fits your life-style? _____

References

Please list at least 2 people who have known you for at least 5 years. These people should **not** be relatives.

Reference 1:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Reference 3:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Reference 4:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

I understand this bird must be kept in my home. If I can no longer keep the bird for any reason, it will be returned to the rescue. I understand that I must contact Jennifer Hugus if any of my contact information changes (including phone number(s), address(es) and e-mail address(es)).

I also agree to a home visit before being approved to adopt a bird (or birds). I understand that Jennifer Hugus or a representative of the rescue (a.k.a. Gainesville Cockatiel Rescue) may make periodic home visits to my home to check on the bird. I also understand that the references listed above may be contacted before this application is approved. You will be required to sign a paper copy of this application if approved to become a bird adopter.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____