

ADOPTION PROCESS CHECKLIST
**Use this checklist to guide you through
the Parrot Adoption Process**

Check box when Complete

Date

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have requested an Adoption Application - I understand that this application expires in One Year | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have RECEIVED my Adoption Application | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am keeping pages 1-3 for MY OWN RECORDS | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have filled out pages 5&6 and returned them to LIPS WITH a \$30 NON-Refundable Application Fee (\$30 FEE FOR NON LIPS MEMBERS ONLY) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have had my interview with a member of the LIPS Parrot Foster and Placement Committee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have had my Home Visit | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am now eligible to request contact information on the parrots in the program | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have been recommended for a parrot and will meet with the owners
Page 4 - Transfer of Ownership has been signed by the former owner and myself | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have adopted a parrot through the LIPS Parrot Foster and Placement Team | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have returned a COPY of the signed Transfer of Ownership form to LIPS | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have sent LIPS my Adoption Fee based on the value of the bird
I understand that these fees are mandatory, but I may give more than the amount listed | _____ |

Important Note: Quarantine your newly adopted bird away from other birds in the household for a period of at least 60 days. (The bird, or any birds he comes in contact with, may not attend LIPS meetings during this time.)

Quarantine is an important part of bringing a new parrot home and can be a complicated process. Feel free to discuss the methods and options for quarantine with your Parrot Placement case worker



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Parrot Placement Service
KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Dear Candidate:

The goal of this program is to provide caring and quality homes for each individual displaced bird.

Enclosed are several forms to be completed regarding our adoption process. Please complete and return the adoption application to the Long Island Parrot Society in care of "Parrot Placement Program" at the address above. Keep the "Transfer of Ownership" form for use during an adoption.

Things to know:

- ❖ Membership in LIPS is **NOT** required to become an eligible candidate.
- ❖ An application for adoption must be completed and submitted to the LIPS Parrot Placement Program with a non-refundable \$30 fee.
- ❖ A Home Visit and an Interview with a Parrot Placement Committee Member is **required** prior to adopting a parrot.
- ❖ In most cases the Long Island Parrot Society acts as a REFERRAL Service and is not responsible for the actual adoption of the bird. The bird's relinquishing owner chooses the candidate from candidates at their own discretion. If the relinquishing owner should change their mind about the adoption - the negotiation and outcome is between YOU and the former owner.
- ❖ **LIPS STRONGLY recommends that you have a SIGNED transfer of ownership as protection in the event that a relinquishing owner changes their mind and wants the bird or birds returned.** (*Transfer of Ownership Form provided on page 4 of this packet*)
- ❖ Birds may need to be placed in a home with or without pets or children, or specifically with a male or female primary caretaker. You may not be the perfect fit right away.
- ❖ You may be asked to pick up the bird from the relinquishing owner's home, or the relinquishing owner may wish to inspect the future home of the bird.
- ❖ LIPS performs random home inspections of candidates in the adoption pool prior to or after an adoption.
- ❖ You must accurately report your level of experience so that we may place a bird that suits your comfort level.
- ❖ Adopters cannot use this adoption service to personally profit from the sale or trade of a bird.
- ❖ Please keep in mind that there are many applicants, however the adoption program DOES NOT operate on first come - first served basis rather it matches a bird's requirements with the wishes of the eligible candidates. It is very possible for someone who newly submitted an application to receive a bird sooner than someone who has had an application previously on file. Some candidates wait 6 months or more to find the perfect fit.
- ❖ **In the event that the bird cannot be kept, it must either be returned to either the relinquishing owner (if such arrangements have been made during the adoption) or to the LIPS Parrot Placement Program for re-homing to a qualified candidate.**



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Want a Parrot in "Hurry"?
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The application processing and candidate evaluation period is 30-60 days

Overview of the steps involved

1. Fill out application – NON LIPS MEMBERS must return this with a *NON-REFUNDABLE \$30 application fee. (30-60 day period begins)
2. Set up interview with Placement Specialist. The interview can be conducted at our monthly meetings or during your home visit.
3. All candidates will receive a home visit prior to adopting a bird. These can be scheduled for days, evenings, or weekends.
4. Candidates in the adoption pool are encouraged to attend meetings during this 30-60 day period. The Long Island Parrot Society would like to see a commitment to education on the part of the candidate and attending meetings is one way to do that. Attending meetings is also a wonderful opportunity to talk to others who own or have experience with "the parrot species of your dreams", and to learn about the full range of parrots in need of new homes. *Not attending meetings does not negatively affect your application.
5. After a successful adoption we appreciate the appropriate Adoption Fee (*see page 3 for a schedule of fees*). Please remit this to the Long Island Parrot Society / Parrot Foster and Placement Program PO Box 2754 - North Babylon, NY 11703- with a copy of the relinquishment form signed by you and the former owner of the parrot.
6. ONE successful adoption per 6 month period. You will be eligible to adopt again after 6 months.

DURING THIS PROCESS - PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN MIND

There are a variety of circumstances to be considered with each adoption. The best interest of the bird takes precedence over all else, and is LIPS primary goal.

We appreciate your interest and thank you for applying for candidacy to adopt a bird through the LI Parrot Society's Parrot Placement Referral Program. We ask that you be considerate of our Parrot Placement team members while they are matching you with the right bird for your situation.

As you can imagine, finding the right home for a bird is not an "overnight" project. Please understand that attempts to rush the adoption, may cause considerable delays in the processing of your application. It's been our experience that people who are in too much of a hurry may be acting impulsively...and unfortunately for both the bird and the adopter, the end result may be an adoption that doesn't 'take'. Our parrot placements are the result of careful research and consideration, which is a process that takes time.

Our Parrot Placement team is comprised of volunteers who spend a great deal of their personal time and energy to make sure that birds find safe, qualified and happy new homes. These dedicated individuals deserve respect and consideration. Repeated e-mails or phone calls will not hasten the process. In fact it may even result in 'red flags' being raised in regard to your motivation for adopting a bird.

We want both you and the placed bird to be happy in this new arrangement. And just as important, we want the relationship between you and your new bird to last. So please let our adoption team take the time needed to help you find the best match possible.

Please be assured that your application is being given proper consideration although there are no guarantees and no one is automatically "given" a bird. Keep in mind that despite our best efforts, if a match does not present itself there is a chance that you will not receive a bird through our program at all.

Our number one priority is the well being of the bird and finding the best possible situation to place that bird in. There is absolutely no guarantee associated with this program that you will have the opportunity to adopt a bird. We can guarantee that once you are an eligible candidate we will do our best to match you with a parrot that needs a new home.

In the event that the bird cannot be kept, it must either be returned to either the relinquishing owner (if such arrangements have been made during the adoption) or to the LIPS Parrot Placement Program for re-homing to a qualified candidate.

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ADOPTION FEES
KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS
REFER TO THIS SHEET WHEN SENDING
IN YOUR ADOPTION FEE

An important factor to remember is that birds are given up for adoption under various circumstances, including divorce, death of a loved one, death of the owner, moving, or a baby being born to the family. These birds were once beloved pets, and their future depends upon LIPS finding the most nurturing environment possible. Do not think of adoption as an inexpensive way to obtain a bird – but instead consider it as opening your home and giving a second chance to a bird that has been an integral part of the relinquishing owner’s family, possibly for many years. In many cases it is a heart wrenching experience.

****With your adoption fee you will also receive your choice of one book from our Club Sales Inventory. A list of the available titles is being compiled, in the meantime you may ask your Parrot Placement Case Worker for details.***

Adoption Fees

To defray the costs of this program, and to help finance LIPS educational efforts, the following adoption fees are appreciated and accepted **upon completion of a successful adoption.** We accept PayPal, checks and cash.

Adoption Fees	Estimated cost of the bird/species if purchased in the pet trade
\$5.00	\$10.00 to \$200.00 (American Parakeets, English Budgies, Finches, Canaries, Cockatiels, Lovebirds)
\$20.00	\$201.00 to \$500.00 (Rosellas, Grass Keets, Conures, Brotogeris, Parrotlets, Ringnecks, Quakers, Torquises)
\$25.00	\$501.00 to \$1000.00 (Pionus, Caiques, Senegals, Jardines, Red Bellies - all Poicephalus)
\$50.00	\$1,001.00 to \$2,000.00 (Greys, Amazons, Cockatoos, Mini-Macaws, Eclectus)
\$75.00	\$2,001+ (Macaws)
\$250.00	<u>Rare</u> \$2500+ (Hyacinth Macaws, Black Palm Cockatoos, Major Mitchells, Queen of Bavaria Conure, Rose Breasted Cockatoo, Blue Throat, All rare species)
*We could not list every species - the fees are determined by the approximate value of the bird.	

If you have any questions, please contact Linda LaFleur Adoption Chairperson / Director by leaving a message on the LIPS Main Number 631-957-1100 OR email parrotplacement@liparrots.org or visit our website at www.liparrots.org.



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TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORM

**BRING WITH YOU WHEN YOU TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE BIRD
 (TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES AT TIME OF ADOPTION)**

RETURN TO LIPS AFTER YOUR ADOPTION

LIPS STRONGLY recommends that you have a SIGNED “**Transfer of Ownership**” as protection in the event that a relinquishing owner changes their mind and wants their bird returned. Unless you have a SIGNED Transfer of Ownership there is no proof of what transpired. We cannot stress this point enough – PROTECT YOURSELF, **be sure to have a Transfer of Ownership SIGNED at the time of adoption.** We have provided this one to be used for LIPS adoptions, or you can create your own.

- The Long Island Parrot Society, acting as a REFERRAL Service, is not responsible for the adoption of the bird. The relinquishing owner chooses the new home from the pool of eligible candidates at their own discretion. If the relinquishing owner should change their mind about the adoption - the negotiation and outcome are between those parties.
- The Long Island Parrot Society assumes no responsibility for the health, general disposition or condition of the adopted bird. We are also not responsible for the veracity of the owner's statements regarding the bird.
- It is strongly recommended that all adopted birds have a complete veterinary exam by an Avian Veterinarian. All medical expenses incurred are the sole responsibility of the Adopter.
- **Important Note: Quarantine your newly adopted bird away from other birds in the household for a period of at least 60 days. (The bird, or any birds he comes in contact with, may not attend LIPS meetings during this time.)**
- Adopters agree to provide the adopted bird with suitable housing, food, medical care, daily cleaning and love.
- Parties may make arrangements regarding the bird, pertaining to visitation, phone or written/photograph communication, etc., if they so desire. List these below...

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- The relinquishing owner surrenders all rights of ownership of bird and of related items.
- The Adopter may not give away, sell, or dispose of this adopted bird in any way.

In the event that the bird cannot be kept, it must either be returned to either the relinquishing owner (if such arrangements have been made during the adoption) or to the LIPS Parrot Placement Program for re-homing to a qualified candidate.

The Undersigned parties agree to all conditions set forth in the above agreement.

Relinquishing owner:			
Adopter:			
Date:			
Bird Name:	Age:	Sex:	
Species:	Band # or other ID:		

*For complete protection use one sheet per bird. For multiple bird adoptions, you can list birds details on the back of the form & have both parties initial the back of the form.

****It is the responsibility of the Candidate to return a copy of this form to the Long Island Parrot Society’s Parrot Placement Service immediately upon receipt of the adopted bird.**



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ADOPTION APPLICATION

**TO BE COMPLETED IN FULL AND RETURNED TO LIPS PRIOR TO ADOPTION
 NON-MEMBERS MUST RETURN THIS FORM
 WITH A \$30 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE**

Parrot Ownership is a serious responsibility. It is LIPS policy that each person who adopts a bird is made aware of, and accepts this commitment. The Adopter must be financially, mentally and physically capable of accepting such a significant role.

The following application has been designed to aid all involved in determining which bird best fits your lifestyle. Please answer all questions honestly and completely, including comments where prompted. You may place a N/A anywhere a question is not applicable.

How experienced are you? (Circle one) *Novice / Somewhat Experienced*
 Very Experienced / READY for a Challenge

What species of Bird/s are you interested in Adopting?: BE SPECIFIC

About You: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ (No PO Boxes Please)

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Contact Info/ Home Telephone #: _____ Work#: _____

Email Address: _____

Best time to reach you: _____

Are you a LIPS Member? _____ If so - Membership # _____

Do all members of the household know about and support your decision to obtain a bird? _____ Y / N

Who will be the Primary caretaker?: _____

If something should happen to the Primary Caretaker, who would take care of the bird? _____

How Many Children are in the Household? (List Ages) _____

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How many birds currently reside in your home? _____ Please list details of each bird, include species, ages and how long you have owned.

Species	Age	How long with you	Species	Age	How long with you

*You may continue on the back of this sheet

Other pets in the home. Please list all, include details:

Type of Residence: _____ House / Condo / Apartment / Other: _____

Do you Rent or Own?: _____

Do you have your Landlord's consent to obtain a bird?: _____ Y / N

Landlord's Name: _____

Landlord Address: _____ Landlord

City, State, Zip: _____ Tel #: _____

I understand that LIPS performs mandatory home inspections prior to adoption and may perform additional random visits before and after a parrot is placed with me. _____ Y / N
 I agree to permit scheduled home visits of my home. _____ Y / N

Would you consider FOSTERING a parrot that needs to be placed quickly in an emergency? _____ No / Yes – Contact me with more information about Fostering.

***Once again, in the event that you are unable to keep the bird: You must alert LIPS Parrot Foster and Placement Program of this decision immediately. You can either return the bird to the former owner IF you had made previous arrangements to do so OR the bird will be rehomed by the LIPS Parrot Foster and Placement Program.**

*Please remember that LIPS has made a commitment to the relinquishing owner and to the parrot that we will honor now and in the future.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____ **(EXPIRES ONE YEAR FROM THIS DATE)**