



This book is provided for your enjoyment and education. It's about what I like if you're going to take care of me while my favorite person is away. It's about my medical records if you look after my health. If you can provide me with a new home you'll understand what my life has been like.

I am loved.





# **The Bird Book**

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# The Bird Book

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## General Information

Companion Bird Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bird Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Number: \_\_\_\_\_

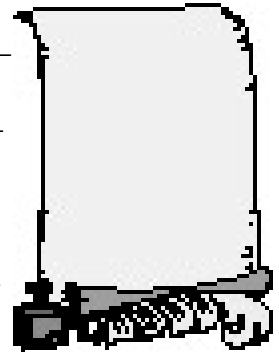
Microchip ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe identifying characteristics like missing toes, striped beak, injuries:

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**Photo**

# My Adoption



Age when I was adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder, Pet Store, Friend or Adoption Center from whom I was acquired:

\_\_\_\_\_

First impressions:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Former owners if known, if applicable:

Name

Location (City/State)

Years Lived Here

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## Family History

Mother's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name:

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Date of Hatch:

\_\_\_\_\_

Band Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Microchip ID /Company

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# Contact Information

My Web Page:

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## Reaching My Owner

Owner's Name:

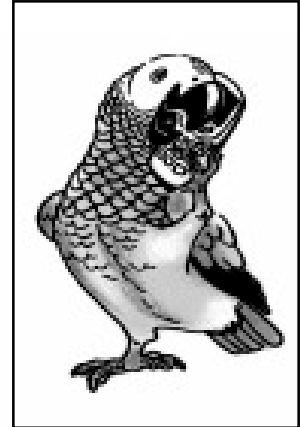
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Home Address:

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Mailing Address:

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Email Addresses:

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Home Phone:

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Cell Phone:

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Work Phone:

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Fax Number:

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# Grooming Record

## Bird Groomer:

My regular groomer (veterinarian, pet store, bird groomer, bird breeder, experienced bird owner):

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Notes (special grooming I need, how I react):

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## Record:

Date	Groomer	Description (nail trim, wing clip or beak trimming)
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# Veterinary Information

I love my doctor! My doctor's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of clinic or veterinary hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Hours of operation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Outside of these hours, on holidays or in an emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This is how you get to my doctor's business from my house:**

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# Medical History

Notes (known medical conditions, how I react to visits to the veterinarian):

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## Record

Date	Veterinarian or Clinic	Description (well bird check, grooming, accident...)
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# Reaching My Owner at Work & Play

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Company:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Places my owner goes for fun and exercise:

Facility	Phone
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## People my owner visits, with contact numbers:

Friend or Family Member	Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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# People Who Care About Me

Companion Bird's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## People in my life who know what I like, how I behave, and how to handle me:

Birdie Friend, Phone & Email:

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## Bird Club/Breeder/Pet Store Contacts - people who know about birds when you have a question about my care:

Contact	Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

# Emergencies

## In an emergency contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## If something happens to my owner, this person will take over my care:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

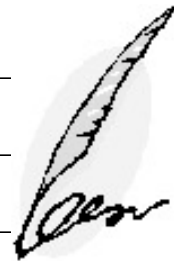
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrangements for my care when owner passes or can no longer care for me:

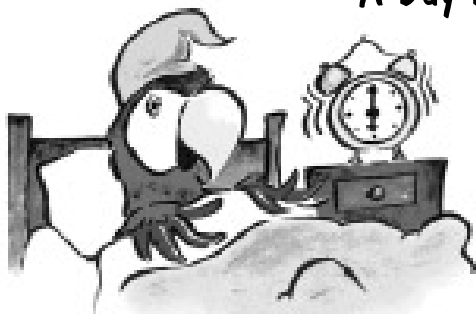
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# A Day In My Life



## I have a busy day.

This is what I'm used to doing on a "typical" day. It includes having my cage cleaned, eating, snacks, play time and going to bed.

### Morning

Approximate Time      Activity

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### Afternoon

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### Early Evening

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### Bedtime

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# Behavior

People love me because:

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People get irritated with me because:

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When I do something bad, this is how my owner reacts:

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Seasonally, I may exhibit these behaviors (screaming and territorial in the spring...):

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I understand these words:

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When I'm good, the biggest reward you can give me is (cuddles, sunflower seeds, "good bird" ):

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# Behavior

You'll know when I'm excited or overstimulated (eyes pin, tail feathers fan, etc.) because I display this behavior:

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To calm me down this is what my owner does (sing quietly, cover cage, distract with game...):

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In my household I have these animal friends:

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This is my relationship with other animals in the household (friends, jealousy):

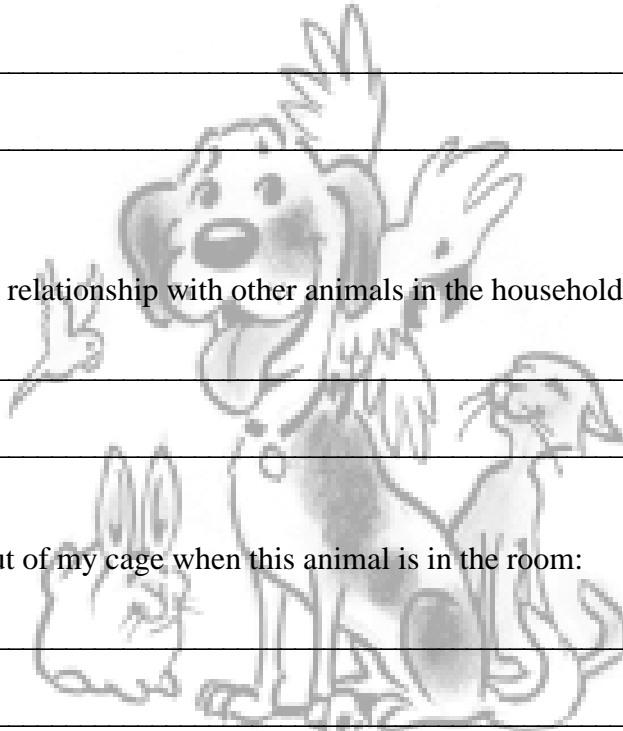
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I can be out of my cage when this animal is in the room:

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# Behavior With People

How do I react when meeting someone new? (Fearful, step up, turn my back):

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What's the best way to get to be my friend (bribes, talking to me, let me come up to you, leave me in my cage where I'm safe...):

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## Do I like children?

How should I be introduced to a child?

What are the rules about interaction with young people?

(Look but don't touch, touch head and not tail feathers, stay 3 feet away...):

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## I especially like these children:

Name:

Name:

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Because:

Because:

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## Likes & Dislikes

These things are SCARY to me!  
(moustaches, hats, balloons, fireworks, etc.)

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This is how I react when I'm scared (raising crest, thrashing in cage, screaming, etc.):

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This is what you can do to reassure me when I'm scared (turn on light, talk softly, hold me, etc.):

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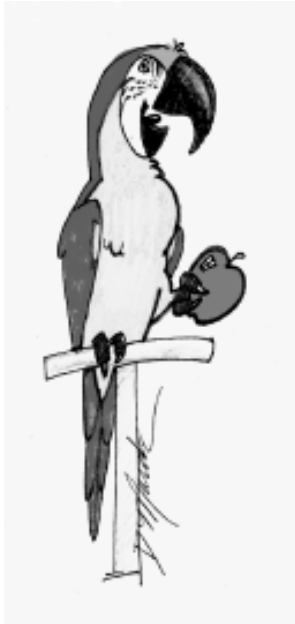
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On the road! This is how I take road trips. This is what I like to do in the car:

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## Feeding Routine

My staple diet is:

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Manufacturer/brand name:

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Size of pellet or food name (medium, maintenance, etc.):

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My owner gets my food at this location (store or catalog):

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Time(s) of day I like to be fed:

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Fruits and vegetables I enjoy:

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Other foods I enjoy (toast, sprouts, dry pasta, crackers):

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Seasonal variations in my diet (seeds during cold winters, squash and yams in the fall, additional protein sources during molt or egg laying):

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## Food

NEVER feed me these foods containing toxins:

**Chocolate Alcohol Avocado**

Feed me only limited amounts of foods containing these ingredients. I have a small body and they affect me more than they do a big person:

**Caffeine Salt Sugar**

Yucky foods:

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Drinking water preferences:

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Where we keep food and dishes, how to clean our dishes:

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## Sweet Dreams

I like to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day.



I sleep in this location. I know it's time to sleep when you follow this routine (saying "nite, nite" or covering the cage, turning off lights, closing shades in bird room, etc.):

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I go to bed at this time of day:

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I wake up at this time of day. You can expect this behavior when I wake up:

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Birds can be sensitive to earthquakes or may have night episodes of thrashing. This is what you can do to calm me down if this is a problem for me:

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# Notes. . .



# Notes. . .



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# Clippings. . .

Bird Talk

Companion Parrot Quarterly

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Newspapers

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