

## St. Louis Avian Rescue (STAR) Volunteer Application

**ANY APPLICATIONS NOT FILLED OUT COMPLETELY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application form in its entirety. The information provided will help us understand your qualifications and interests. Do not hesitate to call with questions or assistance in completing this form. Please be as thorough and precise as possible. *We reserve the right to refuse an applicant. **is Due to limited volunteer time, we review applications twice a month. Your patience appreciated.** Approved applicants will be placed on our mailing list for updates and special events (program use only).*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip Code:			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:		E-mail:	

What is the best way to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have any birds?  Yes  No If yes, please list:

Name	Species	Age	Sex - if known	How long have you had this bird?	Date of last vet visit

Do you currently have pets other than birds?  Yes  No If yes, please list:

Name	Species/Breed	Age	Spayed/ Neutered?	De-clawed?	Indoor or Outdoor	How long have you had this animal?	Date of last vet visit

Have you ever had any pets you no longer have? If yes, please explain the circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Having limited or no bird experience does not automatically disqualify an applicant. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, some of which require no particular bird expertise. The following questions help us (and you) choose an area that will fit you best.**

Why do you want to volunteer with St. Louis Avian Rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what way are you interested in helping – adoption/special events, fostering, fundraising, phone calls, transporting, etc?

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What days/times are you available to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you aware that exotic birds may carry diseases that can infect humans? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that exotic birds may bite if frightened, agitated, or over-stimulated? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have birds of your own, do you have bird experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to take our Basic Parrot Care class if your bird experience is limited? \_\_\_\_\_

What size birds are you comfortable around? \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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## VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. This is not meant to intimidate you nor to cast a negative light on exotic birds. Rescued birds are no more and no less likely to behave in an aggressive or unpredictable manner than any others. But, we want to make you aware of *possibilities* when working with them.**

The birds St. Louis Avian Rescue (STAR) places in foster homes have been surrendered, abandoned, or in some way displaced. They may have been abused or neglected. There may only be limited information available regarding their previous environment. STAR foster birds may not have been to a veterinarian yet. Even for those who have, avian medicine is a relatively new discipline, and it is possible for a bird to be a carrier of a disease that is undetectable with the tests available today.

You should be aware of *possible* behavior problems in these birds. Exotic birds are still wild animals, and we do not know everything there is to know about their reactions to stress, pain, strange environments, etc. Some species are more temperamental than others, and many birds will behave aggressively when they feel threatened. If you decide to volunteer in a capacity which brings you into close contact with the birds, you should exhibit caution until you are fully familiar with the particular bird.

Exotic birds can also be destructive. In their native habitats they bite and chew. They are also curious animals and will seek out new objects to chew. Be aware of the *possibility* of damage to clothes, eyeglasses, hats, etc. unless you are careful.

I certify that I have never been charged with nor convicted of animal abuse or neglect in Missouri or any other state. I certify that no one in my household has been charged with nor convicted of animal abuse or neglect in Missouri or any other state. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Initial)

I, the undersigned, acknowledge there are risks in visiting and/or handling exotic birds, including illness or injury and/or damage to property. I agree to release St. Louis Avian Rescue from any liability in the event.

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*Signature*

*Print Name*

*Date*

Please complete and e-mail to [staravianrescue@gmail.com](mailto:staravianrescue@gmail.com)

Or mail to:

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