



The Coastal Humane Society, Inc.  
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**BIRD**

*There is a \$5.00 Application Fee charged at the time of application submission.*

*This fee supports our Spay/Neuter Fund, allows us to contact necessary references and hold the application for you for 6 months.*

*Thank you.*

Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering the adoption option at The Coastal Humane Society! We know that you could choose to obtain your new best friend from many sources. But by choosing to adopt at CHS, you are not only offering a better life to your new companion animal, you are also helping us improve the lives of the many animals that come under our care each year.

### **We want you to know that the Coastal Humane Society**

#### **CARES**

- 7 days a week 365 days a year for 2000 +/- stray, abandoned, abused, and owner-surrendered animals each year
- evaluates, tests, worms, vaccinates, treats for fleas and ticks, grooms, bathes, socializes, and trains all its animals
- does not euthanize for lack of space, time limit, or treatable illness or injury
- spays or neuters all animals of sufficient age prior to adoption
- found responsible, loving homes for over 445 dogs, 634 cats, and 92 “others” (rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds, etc.) in 2005

#### **OFFERS**

- humane education and outreach programs to area schools and community organizations
- safe housing and crisis care for animals whose owners are dealing with hospitalization, homelessness, or domestic violence
- a community service venue for individuals referred by courts and schools
- low-cost rabies clinics
- assistance addressing animal abuse

#### **RECEIVES**

- no federal, state, or local funds (except from fee-for-service animal control contracts with area towns). CHS spends on average over \$300 on each animal cared for and our suggested adoption donations do not begin to cover these expenses. We and all our animals rely on your support to continue doing what we’re doing! Please be as generous as you can when making your adoption donation. *Thank you!*

**Each rabbit**, prior to adoption has been spayed or neutered, ears have been cleaned and toenails clipped. **The minimum suggested adoption donation for a rabbit is \$45.00.** The cost of a rabbit spay/neuter is about the same as that of a cat. We feel it is necessary to spay or neuter rabbits because they are the third most popular house pet and are turned into shelters on a daily basis all around the country and rabbits breed instantly and continually if unaltered. Thousands are euthanized each year due to overpopulation, lack of space and adopters. Each guinea pig, prior to adoption has had their nails clipped. **The minimum suggested donation for a guinea pig is \$15.00.** Please contribute as much as you can over that amount. Rabbits and guinea pigs both come with informational materials prepared by CHS staff members to help you take the best possible care of your new friend. *Thank you!*



CHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization licensed & inspected by the State of Maine.

Your application and adoption fees are considered charitable donations.

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**BIRD ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of others in household who will have responsibility for your new pet:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Children? Yes  No  Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? Yes  No  Do you rent? Yes  No

If own or rent, check one: House  Apartment  Duplex  Mobile Home  Condo

If you rent, landlord's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give Coastal Humane Society permission to contact your landlord? Yes  No

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_

What will you provide in the cage for entertainment and/or exercise? \_\_\_\_\_

If your new bird is destructive when out of its cage, how do you plan to correct the behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the danger with birds chewing electrical cords and being electrocuted? Yes  No

Are you aware of bumble foot and other bird infections? Yes  No

Are you aware of the importance of unlimited amounts of grit/millet/oyster shells for birds? Yes  No

Are you aware of the benefits of finger training birds? Yes  No

If you have other pets in your home, how do you plan to handle the introduction with the new bird? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your bird when you go on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered an animal to CHS or any other shelter? Yes  No  If you answered Yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted an animal from CHS or any other shelter? Yes  No  If Yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ What shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ What animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the animal now? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had or do you now have a bird with an infectious disease or one who has come in contact with another infected animal within the last six months? Yes  No  If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

After you have adopted a bird from Coastal Humane Society, would you allow a CHS representative to visit your home and inspect the animal and its facilities? Yes  No

If you cannot keep the bird, do you agree to return it to CHS? Yes  No

Please tell us about your present pets:

Name	Species	Age	Sex, Spayed/Neutered?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

How long have you owned your animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your past pet(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What type of bird are you looking for now and why? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is/was your veterinarian?

Clinic(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Town(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give CHS permission to contact your vet(s)? Yes  No  **Please initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we understand** that the Coastal Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization which reserves the right to refuse any adoption, which it determines, will not be in the best interest of the animal. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we understand** that any adopted bird will need much patience, understanding, time and training to make it the friend I want it to be. The period of adjustment will be different for every animal, but I/we are committed to making it work. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we know** that any bird needs more than food and water. A bird friend needs to be considered part of the family unit. Leaving a bird in a cage for its entire life does not provide the animal with the love and attention it needs. I will provide the love and attention this bird deserves for its lifetime which can be up to 10 years. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we understand** that the Coastal Humane Society does not have a veterinarian on permanent staff and while any known health concern has been divulged, CHS cannot guarantee the health or temperament of any animal. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we** are 18 years of age or over. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

Many of our animals have not had the best of care, good homes, or good nutrition and we strive to ensure quality placement for them. All applications are therefore subject to a 24-hour hold to allow for thorough review and completion of necessary veterinarian reference and landlord checks and to assure our staff that you fully understand the responsibilities involved in adding a pet to your household. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

**I/we** have applied to adopt \_\_\_\_\_. I/we understand that the animal will be put on hold for 24 hours. I will call by 4:00 pm on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that if I do not do so the animal will be taken off hold and be put back up for adoption. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that any false statements on this application or the adoption contract constitute grounds for confiscation and surrender of the animal to the Coastal Humane Society. I further understand and agree that CHS may demand return of the animal for any violation of the terms of the adoption contract that I will sign prior to actual adoption.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* FOR CHS USE ONLY \*\*\*\*

*Vet Check*

Name	Comments
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Landlord Yes  No  Comments \_\_\_\_\_

References \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Denied  Staff Initial \_\_\_\_\_

If denied, why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Follow up call-**

Date- \_\_\_\_\_

Staff- \_\_\_\_\_

Comments- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_