

# Estate Planning for Parrots

## Steps for Ensuring Your Bird's Future

Choosing to love and care for an animal should be a life-long commitment, not just for the life of the human guardian but for the life of the animal. When that animal is a parrot, we are talking about a life span that can far exceed that of the guardian. Estate planning to safeguard the future for your parrot is the best way to ensure they will always benefit from your love and protection.

1. Research your Rescue/Sanctuary carefully to ensure that they are stable, ethical, capable of providing care for your parrot in perpetuity, and share your values in regards to parrot care and quality-of-life. We will assume in this document that you have chosen Foster Parrots!
2. Meet with your attorney or other agent in order to legally establish your Will or Trust and document your wishes in regards to the future of your bird.
3. Please keep a file on your parrot at home in an easily accessible place. Your bird's file should include:
  - A written biography and character description of your parrot including likes and dislikes, phobias, physical disabilities or special needs, and any other information that may be important in future care.
  - Medical records, acquisition records and any other type of documentation.
  - Your specific wishes regarding the care of your bird (would you prefer a monitored adoption situation, if there are multiple birds, indicate bonded birds who must be kept together, etc.). *Please note: it is possible to pre-establish a file for your parrot at the sanctuary, which should be done in addition to keeping a file at home.*
4. It is critically important that you inform close friends and family members about your wishes in regards to your parrot and make sure everyone understands how to proceed in the event of an emergency. Contact information for Foster Parrots should be kept in an accessible/obvious place and your loved ones should know where to find Foster Parrots contact information and your bird's file. It is important that there be no interruption in the care of your parrot.

### INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED:

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