Birdline Home Check
SAFEHOUSE

Birdline UK Ltd Parrot Rescue

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Home check carried out on behalf of Birdline UK Ltd by:

Birdline Representative's Signature:

Date: 23/4/12 **Print Representative's Name:** Doddie Kent

Contact Information

Member's Name: **John Doe** **Membership No: 0123**
Address: **22, anywhere**

Postcode: **~~~~~~**
Phone no – Home: **020~~~~~** Mobile: **07~~~~~~**
E-Mail: **johndoe@hotmail.com**

Personal Details

Please give details of who will be the primary carer and anyone else in the family who will be involved with the bird/s
Charlie, wife Lisa will help,
Does the primary carer work? If yes how many hours?
yes, 7 hours mon-fri
Do you have children or any other adults living with you? And will they be involved with the bird/s
2 children, 3year old daughter, 15 year old son,
son will help with the birds
What type of accommodation do you occupy? And is this owned or rented (private or HA)
3-bed end of terrace house, owned by Charlie
Do you need anyone else's permission to keep pets in your home? (eg Landlord)
no
Does your home have a garden? If yes is it suitable for a bird to play in?
yes, grass and tall fence around it
Do you or any of your family have or have previously had any health problems or suffer from allergies that may be affected by keeping a bird?
no
Does anyone in your household smoke?
yes, Charlie, but only outside in the garden
Can you accommodate birds indoors and/or aviary birds outdoors? Please specify where
Indoors only, in the sitting room

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Current/Past Pet Ownership

Please list any other pets that you have
1 labrador dog, very calm and quiet, two budgies belong to the son,
Please give details of any birds that you currently own or have previously owned and for how long
two budgies - see above, had them for 5 years.
Are these birds still with you? If not why not? (please include details of any birds who are now deceased)
budgies are still there. Used to have a cockatiel that died two years ago. He was taken to the vet. He died of a stroke, he was an elderly bird.
Please give details of any other species of birds that you have experience of and how this was gained
Has looked after a friend's African Grey when on holiday

Feeding

Would you be prepared to buy a good quality seed recommended by your ACO?
yes
Are you prepared to buy different kinds of seed for different species of birds?
yes
What dietary supplements would you provide?
calcivet, mixed vitamins
Please explain what foods you would give the bird daily
seed mix/pellets, nuts, fresh fruit, toast for breakfast with jam, sweetcorn, vegetables
Do you know the foods that are dangerous for birds? If yes please list
mushrooms, onions, chocolate, avocado, alcohol, - need advice

Safehouse General

As a Safehouse you may be needed to take the bird to an avian vet are you prepared to do this?
yes
As a Safehouse you will be asked to fill in evaluation forms for any safehouse birds are you prepared to do this? Online?
yes
Most Safehouse birds only stay in safehouses for 3 to 4 weeks although some stay longer can you cope with this emotionally?
yes
Do you understand about possible diseases and quarantine?
yes - keep a new bird separate from birds already in the house, until sure the new bird appears healthy

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Bird Accommodation and Welfare

Will you be able to provide cages?
Still has the cockatiel cage from the bird that died
How often would you clean the cage?
change the bottom tray daily, and clean the complete cage and perches weekly
Birds need different kinds of perches in their cage would you be able to provide these? If yes what kind?
natural wood, concrete, rope, nail trimming perches
Will you be able to provide toys for the bird? If yes what kind?
yes, different shapes and textures, wood, rope, acrylic, paper
Will you agree to provide an approved carrier for the bird? Please explain
yes, a Birdline approved carrier. Perch and bowls always used when transporting
Do you have a separate area where you could quarantine a bird? Please explain
yes, in a bedroom upstairs. EXPLAIN ABOUT QUARANTINE
Pet birds need to be allowed out of their cages every day and some can be destructive and can cause mess are you happy to allow this?
yes, a daily routine would be established when the bird could come out under supervision
How would you or your neighbours feel about you safehousing a noisy bird?
Terraced house, so bird shouldn't be too noisy
How do you feel about caring for a handicapped, plucked, injured or sick bird?
fine, as long as help is available
Explain how many hours a day you believe you will be able to spend with the bird to keep it occupied?
first thing in the morning, and evenings during the week. Most of the day at weekends
Could you do basic first aid on a minor injury to a bird? Please explain how
Cornflour to stop minor bleeding, if a bird is in shock, keep it warm and covered in a carrier.
Call Birdline for advice. Take it to the vet
Do you have any holidays planned and if so what will happen to the bird/s when you go away on holiday?
Family will help at holiday time - parents have parrot experience, got own African Grey
Are there any species of bird that you would not be prepared to safehouse?
cockatoos, too noisy
Are you aware of the dangers to birds from hazards in the home and do you know which plants and trees are dangerous please list those you know
wires, open doors/windows, Teflon fumes from frying pans, aerosols, polish, perfume, candles
cherry wood is bad, Pyracantha, Jasmine, Yew and Weeping Fig trees are bad.
Azalea plants, holly and honeysuckle, marijuana, all these plants are bad
Who is your nearest qualified avian vet?

Clinic Name:	**CJ Hall Vets**

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Address:	**15 Temple Sheen Road, East Sheen, London SW14 7PY**
Phone:	**020 8876 9696**

Fostering Birds

Being a Safehouse does not preclude you from applying to foster birds, how many birds in total do you think you can safely accommodate?
two cages
Whilst you may apply to foster any of the safehouse birds that you care for, it may be, that the Rehoming team feel that a long term placement in another home is more suitable do you understand and agree with this?
yes

Questions

Are there any questions you would like to ask us?
If yes, please write them here:
Who is responsible for vet bills?
HOMECHECKER - PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM SHOULD BE FILLED IN BY HAND BY YOU, NOT THE PERSON BEING CHECKED.
THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY
These questions are to ensure that the people have done some research. Those that have not (unless there's a reason, ie no computer, etc) are generally not all that interested in the bird's care.
NOTE DOWN ANYTHING THAT NEEDS CHANGING IN THE HOME, ie: doors missing between rooms? Cage will be too close to open door, etc. so furniture needs moving?

Please sign and date this form to signify that the answers recorded meet with your approval and agreement.

Signature:			
Date:	23/4/12	**Print Name:**	Charlie Farnsbarns

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Form forwarded to which Birdline Manager: .....

Date form check by Manager: .....

Approved No ☐ Yes ☐

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Safehousing a Birdline Bird – Terms and Conditions

1. I understand that the bird(s) (including any and all progeny) is the property of the owner and will remain so for the rest of its natural life, and that if, for any reason, I am ever unable to keep the bird, I will immediately notify the owner and arrange to return the bird(s). I agree not to pass this bird(s) to anyone else without the prior approval of the owner.

2. It is the responsibility of the Safehouse carer to purchase and keep the dietary requirements of the bird as laid out by the owner.

3. It is the responsibility of the Safehouse carer to view all information pertaining to health/welfare/husbandry and any other additional information about the bird(s) made available by the owner on the website.

4. I will provide this bird with fresh water, food, toys, any supplements and a clean, well ventilated living space.

5. I will provide an owner approved bird carrier with suitable size and bar spacing for the bird(s). Cat boxes are not approved.

6. I will immediately notify my ACO or Recue Manager should this bird(s) show any signs of illness and if necessary will take the bird(s) to the owner's recommended qualified avian veterinary.

7. I will notify the owner if I intend to move house/accommodation or change my telephone number or email address and ensure the new details are given to the owner.

8. I will endeavour to attend any training sessions that Birdline invite me to.

9. I understand that birds are highly intelligent and need regular interaction, constant care and patience; I agree to give the bird(s) all the attention, affection, interaction and mental stimulation he/she will need and treat him/her like a member of my family.

10. I understand that a bird may need time to adjust to his/her new environment and agree to work with him/her to safely assist this adjustment.

11. I understand that questions or concerns will arise as to the proper care and behaviour of the bird(s), and I agree to contact the owner with these questions/concerns. I agree that it is in the best interest of the bird(s) to ask rather than to guess.

12. I will keep the bird's wings properly clipped (if advised by the owner that this bird needs to be clipped) by an approved wing clipper as trained by the owner.

13. I will keep this bird(s) in a smoke-free environment.

14. Permit inspection – To permit the owner or his agents in the interest of the bird(s) to inspect the bird(s) and his/her health, living environment.

15. I understand that the bird(s) and the property supplied (if any is supplied) belong to the owner.

16. Payment of Membership –
    a. To pay the annual membership hereby reserved on the day and in the manner stated within the web site without any deduction whatsoever.
    b. If at any time the membership payment is twenty eight days in arrear (whether formally demanded or not) the owner has the right to enter the Safehouse premises for the return of the bird(s) and/or property.
    c. I understand that my membership of Birdline UK Ltd is a condition of my safehousing this/these bird(s) and I agree to renew this annually.

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17. If at any time, it becomes the opinion of the owners or the owner's agent's, that these conditions are not being met, I understand that the owner may reclaim this/these bird(s) irrespective of any donation or other expenditures that I have incurred or made.

18. I understand that this is a legal and binding contract, and that the owner may terminate my right to Safehouse the bird(s) in my possession and that, by virtue of the Safehouse relationship, I do not and cannot obtain any right, title, or interest in the bird(s) or the property.

19. I understand that failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this agreement may constitute grounds for demanding the return of the bird(s) and the property.

20. I understand that reasons for demanding return are not restricted to any such breach of terms and conditions; that being within the discretion of the owner or his representative.

21. I understand that, upon oral demand, should I fail to return the bird(s) and the property, my actions constitute a theft and will result in criminal and/or civil action being taken against me.

22. I will be responsible for any and all expenses associated with the result of my failure to return the bird(s) or the property, not withstanding legal fees associated with obtaining the return of the bird(s) or the property.

23. I understand that in the event of my failure to comply with any part of this agreement, the owner may be caused concern over the safety and welfare of the bird(s) and may request that an inspector or a police constable effect entry (by force if necessary) into premises to seize the bird(s) in accordance with the *Animal Welfare Act* 2006.

24. Except as set forth above, the owner makes no representations, warranties or guarantees, and assumes no liability for health, age, temperament (including the capacity to bite), behaviour, talking ability or condition of any birds available for placement. I the Safehouse agree that all information that is available for the bird(s) has been given to myself and that by signing this agreement.. The owner shall not be responsible to the Safehouse for any injury suffered or damage to or loss of any chattel caused by the bird(s).

25. I will not, by any action or deed either spoken, or written, suggested or by any other means, bring the owner into disrepute. Nor will I make or cause to be made any entry on any social networking media, relating to the owner, its members, its staff or its property, including any bird(s) that may be seen as to bring the owner into disrepute

If you have other birds at home it is strongly suggested that you observe quarantine procedures for at least thirty (30) days.

The Birdline Safe housing Programme is operated for the benefit of the birds that we place. Whilst we are not all veterinarians, if any problems or questions arise as to the behaviour or care of this bird, we welcome and encourage your enquires.

I have read and agree the above terms and conditions

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your support

Owner's/Agent's Signature:_____

On Date: _____

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ACO Assessment

Please write your assessment of this person's experience and situation?

Charlie lives in a terraced house with his wife and two children. He and his wife are very keen to Safehouse and seem to know a certain amount, but appear to be able to listen and take advice. They are experienced with budgies, and have looked after a friend's African Grey when the friend went on holiday. The son is 15 and wants to be involved. The daughter is 3 and shy. The dog is well-behaved, around 8 years old or so, and not bouncy at all. He ignores the two budgies in the home.

The neighbours are friendly, and Charlie thinks they wouldn't be unreasonable about hearing a bird, as long as it wasn't too intrusive. The family is keen to help, and to take instruction. Charlie's wife, Lisa, is good with the birds

I feel that they will, in time, be a good Safe House

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