



FOREST DEPARTMENT

Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development

Forest Drive, Belmopan, Belize

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APPLICATION FORM FOR CAPTIVE WILDLIFE PERMIT

1. Personal Information

Name of Applicant: Date of Birth.....
First Middle Last (dd/mm/yy)

Address:
Street Town/City District

Telephone: Cell: email address.....

Occupation:

2. Animal Information: Please fill in the table below with the type, number and age of animals you are applying for

Type and number of Animal(s)	Sex (if known)	Age (if known)	Name of animal(s) (if given)

How long have you had the animal(s)?

How was it obtained? Bought Given as a gift Imported Taken from the wild Other

Specify from where.....

Any additional information.....

Describe where the animal will be housed.....

Have you applied for a captive wildlife permit before? Yes No

Date you applied (if yes) Approved Denied

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information is true and correct. Any information that is found to be incorrect may result in prosecution

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Signed Dated



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FD-WP-003 Minimum Care Avian

MINIMUM CARE STANDARDS - Husbandry

Section 1: Enclosure size for species

SMALL enclosures for: *parakeet, white-fronted, yellow-lored, brown-hooded, white-capped*

LARGE enclosures for: *red-lored, yellow-head, blue-head (Mealy), multiple birds*

Section 2: Enclosure size (minimum specifications)

SMALL bird enclosure size: INDOOR: 3' x 3' x 4' - *Situated off the ground, not rusting*
OUTDOOR: 6' x 6' x 8'

LARGE bird enclosure size INDOOR: 4' x 4' x 4' - *Situated off the ground, not rusting*
OUTDOOR: 8' x 8' x 8'

Section 3: Enclosure requirements (minimum specifications)

3.1 Indoor enclosure minimum requirements (remains inside the home at all times)

3.1a Wire must have no damage or holes. There must be no nails, screws, or sharp objects sticking out

3.1b PERCHES: there must be a minimum of 3 perches of different textures and sizes, scattered through the cage (plastic pipe or metal bar is **not** acceptable). All perches should be firmly secured without twisting/rotating. Perches must be changed at least every 6-8 weeks or when damaged/dirty.

The bird must be able to perch at least 4' off the ground

3.1c Indoor birds must be allowed access to sunlight and rain at least twice-weekly

4.1d Birds must be allowed out of the cage and socialized for several hours per day

3.2 Outdoor enclosures minimum requirements (permanently outdoors or on the verandah at any time)

3.2a WIRE must be 1/2" x 1/2" or smaller and galvanized.

3.2b The wire must have no rust, damage or holes. There must be no nails, screws, or sharp objects sticking out

3.2c Half of the ROOF area must be covered with solid roofing material (not plastic sheeting or tarpaulin)

3.2d One corner of the outdoor enclosure must have adequate protection from elements (direct sun, rain, wind) on all three sides

3.2e DOOR should allow adequate access for cleaning and husbandry. Latches must be predator-proof

3.2f PERCHES: there must be a minimum of 5 perches of different textures and sizes, scattered through the cage (plastic pipe or metal bar is **not** acceptable) They should be firmly secured without twisting/rotating and changed at least every 6-8 weeks or when damaged/dirty. Upper perch must at least 5' off the ground.

4f Outdoor birds must be allowed out of the cage and socialized for several hours per day

Section 4: Diet and husbandry requirements (minimum)

4a Enclosure must contain fresh (non-poisonous) green branches, leaves and/or bird-safe toys

4b The cage or enclosure must show evidence of regular cleaning

4c Food provided must comply with all aspects of FD minimum standards and be replenished daily

4e Food and water bowls must be cleaned daily (no slimy residue or mould) Bowls should be secured to prevent tipping



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MINIMUM CARE STANDARDS - Recommended daily diet per bird

Parakeet:

½ cup mixed parakeet seed and sunflower/pumpkin seed

½ cup chopped vegetables and fruits (minimum)

½ cup cooked whole corn & beans

White-front, white-capped, yellow-lored, brown-hooded

1 ½ cups of fresh chopped vegetables, fruits and cooked corn & beans (minimum)

1 tablespoon of sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds, ONLY

Red lored, yellow head, blue-head mealy

2-3 cups fresh chopped vegetables, fruits and cooked corn & beans (minimum)

2 tablespoons of sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds, ONLY

All birds

A bowl of fresh clean water every day

Food and water to be changed daily. Dishes to be washed frequently. If the inside of the water bowl feels slimy, it needs to be scrubbed

Additional diet and husbandry information

Diet: Licensed keepers are also encouraged to provide Mazuri Parrot Maintenance, available at Reimers Feed Mill

Peanuts are **not** recommended as they may contain harmful toxins

Caged birds suffer health and weight issues if they have a high-fat diet. Sunflower seeds are extremely high in fat and are not recommended in large quantities for most captive birds. Pumpkin seeds are preferred.

Processed foods intended for humans are not recommended, especially those high in sugar, fat and salt (do not feed your bird salted nuts, seeds or chips)

Onions, chocolate and avocado (skin and stone) can be poisonous to parrots

During the dry season, spray your bird gently with water from a spray bottle or low-pressure misting hose.

Gently preen your bird's feathers by rubbing the feather shaft between your index finger nail and your thumb pad.

Remember, growing feathers are 'alive' with a blood supply, so be gentle: the bird will let you know if it hurts.

Bird-safe toys: Do not give your bird metal objects or electrical wire to chew: most metals are poisonous for birds. Suitable toys readily available: plastic bottle-tops; untreated/natural wood blocks/sticks; cardboard boxes, paper, including old phone directories; old (washed) slippers; leather strips, sisal string; baby teethingers, and of course natural branches.

Enrichment: Fruiting trees and hibiscus are the safest branches and leaves to give to your bird. Avoid other ornamental plants or any obviously poisonous branches or plants and trees with white-sap. Any fruits or berries you observe wild parrots eating will be safe for your captive bird, as will their branches. Try to create a natural environment for the bird wherever possible.

- For more information, read '*caring for your captive parrot*', a copy of which will be provided by the inspecting officer



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Instructions for your application

Completed Captive Wildlife Permit application forms should be returned to the local agent or to a Forest Department official station or scanned and emailed to secretary.fd@ffsd.gov.bz

Forest Department Official Stations

Forest Department Head Office, Forest Drive, Belmopan City

Orange Walk Forest Station, Liberty Avenue, Orange Walk Town

San Ignacio Field Station, Buena Vista Street, Cayo

Savannah Field Station, Independence

Agencies

Benque Viejo del Carmen Public Library

Corozal Public Library, 1st Street, Corozal

Belize Audubon Society, Kings Park, Belize City

Belize Fisheries Department, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City

Ignacia Cacho Public Library, Front Street, Dangriga

Hopkins Humane Society, Hopkins Village

Southern Environmental Association, Placencia Village

Public Library, Independence

TIDE Office, Punta Gorda Town

San Pedro Public Library, Barrier Reef Drive, San Pedro

NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Licences are NOT being given for

- Baby birds (less than 12 months old)
- Sick or injured birds
- Bird at serious risk of injury or death
- Birds that are not hand tame
- Birds in excess of the maximum 2 per household
- Applications for scarlet macaws are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis

No fee is required for a Captive Wildlife Permit

A representative from the Belize Forest Department will visit all applicants in due course: there will be a large number of initial applications, so please be patient. If you have any questions about the minimum standard requirements, please email Belize Bird Rescue on belizebirdrescue@gmail.com or call 610 0400

Further information about the licensing procedure and conditions and copies of the permit conditions and application forms are available at www.belizebirdrescue.org