



Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society

Rescue & Adoption Center
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# Help provide a safe haven for homeless pet birds



According to the Avian Welfare Coalition, parrots and other exotic birds are the fourth-largest group of animals kept as pets, and they comprise the largest population of captive wildlife in the U.S. With these statistics, it's not surprising that birds have become one of the fastest-growing groups of unwanted pets. Unfortunately, few animal shelters have facilities to house parrots, and many shelters have to turn away unwanted birds. As a result, many parrots are euthanized because there is nowhere to place them.

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society Rescue & Adoption Center is one of the few places in Illinois that exist for the welfare of pet birds.



#### How long can we exist without YOUR Help?

Every day we operate our facility, we continue to deplete our financial resources. Our veterinarian care expenses alone, average \$1,000 a month. We receive no government funding and our staff receives no pay. We continue to do our best with a handful of dedicated people who manage bird care 7 days a week, 365 days a year with minimal volunteer help. Your donation will assure continuation of the good work we do for hundreds of homeless birds every year!

# Please Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$10,000 by year end!

## DONATE TODAY!

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#### Your donation will help us to continue...

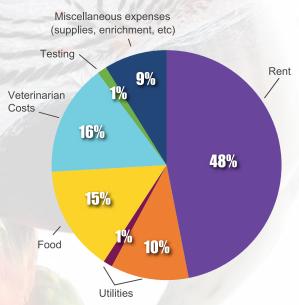
Daily care and housing to an average of 100 homeless birds

Medical attention from an Avian Veterinarian Specialist as needed

Temporary shelter for ederly, and special-needs birds where they will be treated with love, dignity, and provided security until we can find them a proper new home.

Education to the public about Avian Care and Causes

Placement in a loving, qualified home through our adoption program



#### Whether it's a tiny Finch or a huge Macaw, we're there and we care!





## Caring for Corky

Corky, a Ruby Macaw, approximately 30 years old, was given up by his/her previous owner who could no longer care for the bird.

When one of our volunteers noticed Corky had difficulty passing his stool, our veterinarian found that the bird has Papilloma and Heart Disease. Upon vet recommendation, we funded the needed surgery that would improve his/her quality of life. However, further surgery may be necessary in future since there is no permanent cure for Papilloma. He has been in remission for several months and remains in our care.

Corky is a sweet bird and loves attention. It will be a challenge to find him a qualified home and not many people are interested in adopting a Macaw with health issues. But, we remain hopeful that someone will adopt Corky.



#### Poor Abner

Abner had a lot of freedom and out-of-cage time in the same family for over 28 years, until living arrangements changed with his previous owner.

He was a very sad boy for many months...until he found love again, in a qualified, patient home through our adoption program.

#### Saving Lt. Dan

A caring volunteer saw him listed on craiglist, paid \$50 for him, and brought him to our facility. He was also suffering from an intestinal infection.



We provided the special-needs cage and medical attention he needed. He was adopted by one of our dedicated volunteers who is experienced with special-needs parrots.

Today, he is living in comfort and is well loved.

Our Successful Placements Continue!