



**Always loved Parrots and thought Just Maybe!
Don't Shop, Adopt**

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"F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. support Parrots and their People"

There are an estimated several million parrots living as pets in Canada — the third most popular pet after cats and dogs. There is a difference though - they live a long, long time, often much longer than their human companions. Because of the ways that they have been domestically raised they should be considered members of our families. The majority of companion parrots love being around people. Their personalities help create loving bonds with their human caretakers. They are companion pets that often need a second or third caregiver in their life time.

Are you interested in parrots? They do have a magical impact on your life? **F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S.** is an active and dynamic group of people who are dedicated to the premise that better education of people will lead to the proper care and improved welfare for parrots. This group of fellow parrot owners and their parrots live all over Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. – From time to time we require differing levels of care and custody for birds in need. All birds adopted through our organization, essentially, remain a part of the F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. flock. There are times when birds need a safe place to land on temporary basis, a foster home. There are different kinds of fostering agreements. They can be arranged for someone needing temporary help or respite (like when an owner is experiencing an illness or family emergency) or they can be on a more long term basis (like when the bird is actually being surrendered permanently) and we need to assess the bird for the perfect fit. Ultimately, although you could term all F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. adoptions as “fosters”, we do see them as more of a permanent stewardship. Birds placed through F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. and the people who care for them will always get support, mentoring etc. No bird, no person, will be abandoned. We want the birds that we place to do well in their new homes. If the match is not successful, we will address the problems and place the bird in another home if need be.

F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. is proud to say that thus far we have never had to turn away a bird in need. We try very, very hard to match birds to owners considering experience, family life etc. We do not advertise birds available for adoption and we never know what bird/species will required a home and when. When someone has a specific desire for a certain species, they may need to wait until one comes available. On the other hand, if someone is open to try a bird, they may be very surprised with the lovely relationship and bond that can be formed.

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