



Friends for Ethical Avian Treatment, finding Homes, sharing Education, Resources and Support.

Our Vision

The vision behind F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. was to organize a group of parrot lovers for the purposes of fun and camaraderie but also to find ways to support parrots and their owners. Needs can range from education and information on behaviour, nutrition, health issues and crisis intervention, to fostering or assistance in re-homing a bird. It was also to provide advice on habitat enrichment, toys, etc. We are ultimately building a solid base of sound knowledge and talents and sharing that with other bird lovers.

Since F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. was formed in November 2004, we have been involved in finding homes for many birds ranging from budgies to large macaws & cockatoos. Although we are based on Vancouver Island, we welcome new members from other areas of Canada.

Membership:

Our membership fees are \$20.00 single or family. In the latter half of the calendar year, we usually pro-rate the fee accordingly.

Why Should You Join F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S.?

Because it is fun! Because it is Informative! Because it is supportive! **Because you love birds and want to make their magic a part of your life!**

Please visit our website for further information at www.feathersinbc.com or follow us on Facebook: Feathersinbc or Call Diana Slater at (250)722-2201

Adoption:

F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. **does not charge adoption fees.** However, we are not just about providing free birds. If a party is interested in adoption or fostering we do have the following requirements;

1. Potential Adopters must be members of F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. and have attended 3 functions. This allows the executive to meet and get to know prospective adopters.
2. The Adopter must sign an agreement stating that the bird;
 - a) Will never be used in a breeding program or “accidentally bred”;
 - b) Will always receive appropriate medical/vet care;
 - c) Will be provided with an appropriate sized cage;
 - d) Will be provided with toys and enrichments;
 - e) Will be provided with a diet recognized as healthy and nurturing;
 - f) Will be treated as a loved and respected member of the family;
 - g) Will be returned to F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. in the event that it cannot continue to reside with the Adopter;
 - h) Cannot ever be sold, given away or willed to another owner without the express written permission of the Board of F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S.
3. The Adopter will agree to a home visit by a member of the Board prior to the adoption and thereafter, by the Board of F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. with 24 hours notice, for a period of 2 years. (To verify the condition of the bird and it’s housing arrangements)
4. The Adopter, if not an experienced bird owner, will agree to have a “mentor” assigned to him or her for a period of 1 year.

Relinquishing a Bird:

F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. **does not charge relinquishment fees.** We will not buy birds. We do not broker birds or assist an owner in finding a buyer. If you or someone you knows has a bird or birds that need a new home, we will be happy to help. We will place the bird(s) in appropriate home(s) where their health and welfare will be monitored and we will ensure that they are happy and well cared for members of their new family.

Fundraising

People no doubt wonder why we talk so much about fundraising. It is really quite simple. Even though we do not charge adoption fees, birds are not free. Yes, you can find plenty of birds offered in ads “free to a good home” but the expenses of keeping them are actually quite high. Cages, food, vet care, toys etc. The vet care for a bird is especially high and many of the birds that find homes through our organization require some or even extensive medical care. F.E.A.T.H.E.R.S. covers those costs pre-adoption and we assist our members in extreme circumstances wherever possible. The importance of maintaining a healthy balance sheet cannot be underestimated. Donations are always gratefully accepted but we cannot offer a tax receipt.