

A photograph of two parrots perched on a wooden branch. On the left is a smaller, colorful cockatiel with orange, red, and yellow feathers. On the right is a larger white cockatoo with a prominent crest. The background is a solid light green color.

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So, what are the steps?

Ideally, we work with relationships between parrots, their owners, and potential new homes. This takes time. The journey is the same for the smallest budgie to the largest Macaw.

We encourage you to start by talking to us on Facebook, Feathers in BC and our Feathers in BC club which offers you the chance to be more interactive with our parrots and their owners. Call us. Come to the next meeting - we meet 10 months of the year on the fourth Sunday of every month at St. Philip Church Hall, 1797 Cedar Road. We also have summer events.

So, you are passionate about parrots, you now have made a decision you would welcome a parrot in your life. Some of our members are willing to welcome you in their home and talk parrots and see how they have set up their areas. They will tell you how your home will work best for a parrot pet.

You may have an idea of what type of parrot you would like. We like you to do your research and have an open mind, as sometimes *the parrot picks you!*

The next thing we do, is visit your home, to talk about parrots, parrot hazards, noise issues, behaviour, etc. and help you make plans to manage the household's newest member. There is much thought and preparation in this as can be a long relationship.

We ask you to support us in our Fundraising events, we are all volunteers and we need the help, transportation, veterinary fees and good nutrition are expensive.

The parrot often comes with its own cage and as much information as we can give you on the parrot. However, there are still expenses. It costs \$50.00 to \$75.00 a month to feed a large parrot. Veterinary care after adoption is about \$300.00 a year. Of course, if support from FEATHERS is needed, we do step up to make sure your parrot stays well.

In the ideal world, we like you to visit the parrot you might adopt more than once and interact with it. Learn what it is eating, and how to move it around when it does not want to. Also, we need to confirm you have your family, if applicable, the strata or landlord on side if that is an issue. Birds can be noisy.

The biggest thing is to come with an open mind, as parrots are like people, they meet you and they watch and decide if it is a match. With trust, positive supportive care they will bond with you and your family. Sometimes it takes longer as the trust might have been lost in the last home, or they are grieving the loss of their home. Take the time to get to know the parrot.

We want you to have a coach/mentor. That way you have a place to ask questions between meetings and help you over the learning curve. The mentor often welcomes you into their home to learn to make birdie bread, etc.

It is all about relationship. We do not expect you at every meeting, but we do want to see you and your parrot, experiencing some or all of the fun venues and events we host, or social media.

Life is so enriched with a parrot, no matter which one, we only want the best for this creature that is under the “FEATHERS Umbrella of Support.

What about Fostering?

We need help right now. Perhaps someone has passed on, is experiencing a lengthy illness, or urgent parrot care is needed after a bad situation. We have no time in these cases, we must react quickly for the parrot’s sake.

So, we would like to know if you are on board and can step up. If fostering might be an option for you, we would need a few regular details to ensure the parrot lands in a loving support foster:

- Are you an experienced parrot owner, or have the heart of one who can help?
- Have room for one more parrot;
- Willing to support the parrot until they get their new home, sometimes takes a month, sometimes a year;
- Cage is supplied;
- Have the time and energy to help out;
- Know or are willing to learn the implications to bringing a new parrot into the home;
- Willing to stay connected to FEATHERS;
- Help with the adoption process – in either bringing the parrot to a meeting, or welcoming someone into your home to meet the parrot;
- Willingness to listen

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