



- Pueblo Rescue Birds in Need - Turn Your Compassion into Action How You Can Help TGF and the Birds

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Thank you for wanting to open your home and heart to one of the Pueblo rescue birds. Just like you, we hope these birds will end up in loving situations. They have suffered so much they deserve no less than the best we can give. First however, we have to save their lives.

Even though this is a huge unforeseen expense for us - in both money and other resources - we would never say no to the plea to help these birds. We hope you won't either. To be blunt: We can't do this alone.

We're working around the clock to diagnose and treat the many ailments these birds have, including papillomatosis, a highly contagious viral disease, along with other possible diseases like aspergillosis, heart disease, and bacterial infections. Due to the years of neglect, severe malnutrition, dehydration, and the worst living environment one could imagine - these birds have severely compromised immune systems. Most likely they have many opportunistic diseases as a result of chronic lack of care. The cost to care for these birds is one we could never have anticipated and we don't have the money right now for it. Because our aviary quarantine quarters are already filled, we have rented a modular building and installed it in the rear parking lot of our Acoma Street location. This is critical to protect these birds and to prevent contact with any other TGF birds. This is another huge investment we don't have the funds for.

Since you are the kind of person willing to consider the long-term expense of adopting or fostering, we're hoping you are also the kind of person willing to shoulder a more short-term expense: Donating to save a bird's life.

First and foremost, we need financial contributions. These birds will require extraordinary veterinary care and surgery - another substantial expense. We also need cages, perches, and toys, as well as gift cards to Lowes and Home Depot for hardware and supplies to make these things. Finally, we need your time - we're looking for volunteers to help us with the daily care of TGF's birds in order for our funds to go even further.

We ask you so directly to help only because we have never been involved in a situation quite this desperate, occurring immediately after the intake of seventy-four birds from another bird cruelty/criminal/abuse case.

We have many wonderful birds in need of homes. You can learn more on Petfinder.com. Learn about our adoption program at www.thegabrielfoundation.org. Schedule a visit and tour the Aviary and Adoption Center in Elizabeth. Meet the dozens of adoptable birds at The Birdbrain. You can make a donation online too, at <https://thegabrielfoundation.org/donate.php> - the quickest and most immediate way to help the Pueblo parrots. Thank you for your compassion.

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"Many have forgotten this truth. but you must not forget it. You remain responsible, forever, for what you have tamed." --- Antoine de Saint Exupery

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