
**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Governmental Authorities and Pet Bird Rescues**

This agreement shall remain valid from

(Month, day, year) _____ to (Month, day, year) _____

This agreement outlines communication for pet birds in need including but not limited to potential abuse, neglect, or smuggling. This MOU agrees that:

1. Governmental Authorities to contact the signed rescue(s) for appropriate services including but not limited to providing professional observation and assessment of circumstances and taking in birds for emergency and non-emergency purposes, providing first aid care and offer to take the pet bird(s) to veterinary services.
2. To allow the rescue to house and provide for the bird(s) properly during confiscation, litigation, or other purposes.

The rescue(s) providing such services agree to:

1. Maintain proper care for the bird(s) while in their care and remain temporary sole custody during the period of investigation or litigation.
2. Collect written documentation on the care of the bird(s) on site and veterinary care services when provided.
3. Hold harmless Governmental Authorities for any processing of paperwork including the location where the bird(s) temporarily reside(s).

Both Governmental Authorities and Rescue(s) agree:

1. Collaboration on records for the best interest of the bird(s) and for court purposes.
2. Promptly resolve communication difficulties within 72 hours.
3. Obey state and federal laws.
4. Follow confidentiality regulations for the information pertaining to clients
5. Rescues allowing Governmental Authorities in their rescue or volunteer home location where the bird(s) temporarily reside.
6. Re-homing of the bird is only allowed through written consent of the Governing Authority such as courts or the owner of said bird(s).
7. Rescue(s) may require cost for the bird(s) care prior to relinquishment of said bird(s) to owner paid in full.

Government Authority: _____

Date: _____

Rescue Rep: _____

Date: _____