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Foster Program Guide

1. Welcome to the Foster Program

Fostering provides birds with a safe and supportive temporary home. CAS guides and supports all foster caregivers.

2. What Foster Homes Provide

- A quiet, stable environment
- Daily food, water, and clean housing
- Observation of behaviour and health
- Gentle socialization
- Transport assistance when possible

3. What CAS Provides

- Support from a foster coordinator
- Care guidance and behaviour help
- Supplies when available
- Coverage for approved veterinary care

4. Foster Expectations

- Follow quarantine guidelines
- Report concerns promptly
- Use positive, gentle handling
- Maintain confidentiality
- Return birds when requested

5. Quarantine Requirements

New birds begin with a 30-day quarantine in a separate room with dedicated supplies and minimal exposure to other pets.

6. Socialization & Enrichment

- Interact at the bird's comfort level

- Provide toys and foraging activities
- Offer supervised out-of-cage time when safe

7. When to Contact CAS

If a bird stops eating, shows injury, displays unusual behaviour, or needs medical attention.

8. Adoption Transitions

CAS handles all adoption decisions. Fosters may provide helpful personality insights during the adoption process.

9. Ending a Foster Placement

CAS arranges transfers when needed. Advance notice helps ensure smooth transitions.

10. Appreciation

Fosters play an essential role in giving birds a second chance. Thank you for supporting our mission.

