



Canadian Avian Society

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Volunteer Training Manual

1. Welcome

Thank you for volunteering with the Canadian Avian Society. We appreciate your time, compassion, and commitment to bird welfare.

2. Volunteer Roles

- Bird care support
- Cleaning and hygiene tasks
- Rescue and intake assistance
- Event and education help
- Administrative and digital support

3. Volunteer Standards

Use calm handling, maintain hygiene, report concerns quickly, and respect the privacy of surrender cases.

4. Bird Handling

Handle gently, avoid forcing interaction, and do not handle aggressive, ill, or quarantined birds.

5. Cleaning & Hygiene

Daily tasks include refreshing papers, cleaning dishes, and wiping surfaces. Weekly tasks include deeper cleaning and disinfecting tools.

6. Bird Behaviour

Relaxed behaviours include preening, eating, and light vocalizing. Stress signs include fluffed feathers, inactivity, changes in droppings, or laboured breathing.

7. Emergencies

For escapes: stay calm, close doors, and turn off fans. For sick birds: avoid handling and notify a coordinator immediately. For injuries: clean wounds and report them.

8. Communication

For support or questions: volunteers@canadianaviansociety.ca

9. Ending Your Shift

Ensure birds have food and water, secure all cages, tidy the area, and report anything that needs follow-up.

10. Appreciation

Thank you for contributing to the welfare and conservation of birds through your time and compassion.

