

How many pet birds are abandoned by their owners each year? The precise answer is: *no one knows*. The heartbreaking answer is: *too many*. Each year, thousands of birds are discarded by their owners—left behind at a vet's office, abandoned at a shelter, or simply moved to the garage to live out their lives in a cramped cage with inadequate food, unclean water, and without any interaction with the humans who once promised to love and care for them.

And this is where *Mickaboo* steps in to help...



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HOPE IS THE
THING WITH FEATHERS,
THAT PERCHES
IN THE SOUL.

—Emily Dickinson



Mickaboo

Companion Bird
Rescue

M*ickaboo* Companion Bird Rescue rescues birds and conducts bird care classes. That's all we do, and we do it with an all-volunteer staff. Every penny that is donated to us is used to help birds. More than 95% of our funds go toward paying our veterinarian bills.

Mickaboo takes in birds from animal shelters, cares for the ill and injured members of the San Francisco wild parrot flock, and accepts birds from owners who are unable or unwilling to continue to care for them. Every bird we rescue—from finches to macaws—gets the medical care it needs and deserves. We work with avian veterinarians to treat injuries, resolve illnesses, reverse the effects of neglect, and accommodate special needs. *Mickaboo* never euthanizes birds unless they are suffering without the possibility of recovery. When necessary, we provide hospice care for birds with terminal illnesses.

Mickaboo does not have a central office or bird care facility, but instead is composed of an extensive network of foster homes throughout Northern California. This helps us keep overhead costs to a minimum, enabling us to use virtually all of our contributions for direct care of the birds we rescue.

Mickaboo was founded in 1996 by two friends, one with a cockatiel named Mick and one with a 'tiel named Aboo. Since then, the organization has educated hundreds of people who care for birds, and has rescued more than 1,000 birds.



Right now is the perfect time to become involved. You can attend one of our classes, volunteer your time, become a foster parent, adopt a bird, or donate financially to the organization.

Questions? Please call 650-450-9104 or email us at mail@mickaboo.org. We're happy to discuss ways you can become involved.

Ready to donate? Visit our home page at www.mickaboo.org for links to *PayPal* and *Network for Good*. You can also send money directly to us at *Mickaboo*, P.O. Box 697, San Jose, CA 95106.

On behalf of our growing family of rescued birds, thank you for your help in supporting *Mickaboo*.

Mickaboo is a 501(c)3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible. But your real reward is the knowledge that donating to *Mickaboo* means you have personally saved lives and made those lives worth living.

◀ "My name is Artie, and I'm a great example of a *Mickaboo* rescue. My owner died, and I was left starving for days. When found, I was suffering from starvation, zinc poisoning, anemia, and self-mutilation. *Mickaboo* stepped in to provide the medical care I desperately needed. Sometimes saving a life takes a miracle; sometimes it just takes *Mickaboo*. In my case, I guess they amount to the same thing. Now I'm here to ask you to help save other birds like me. Please give what you can!"