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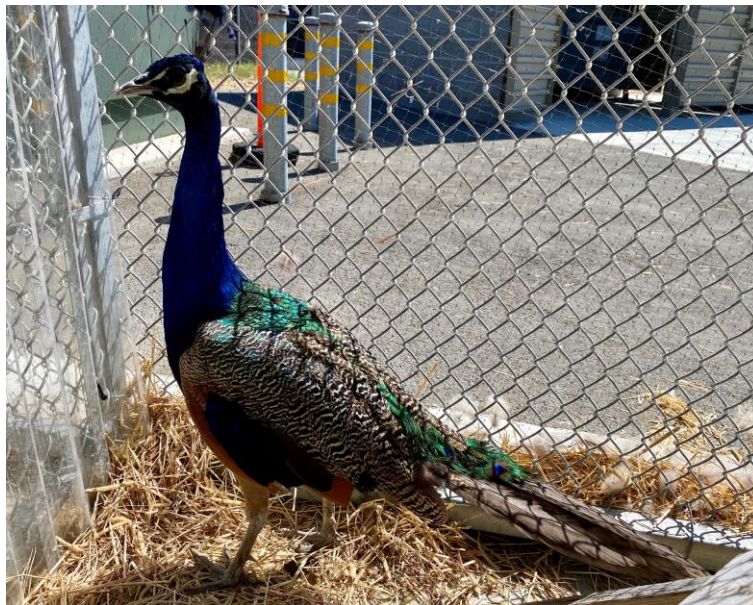
Wingo Starr the Peacock is available for adoption at Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

San Mateo, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is seeking an adopter for an adult male domesticated peacock named Wingo Starr.

“We received a call a few weeks ago from a staff member at KIPP Esperanza High School in East Palo Alto who spotted a loose peacock running around the school’s parking lot,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin-Tarbox. “Our rescue staff arrived and saw the bird darting around the lot. Peafowl are very smart birds and can be difficult to catch, but after about 20 minutes our staff was able to safely net the bird and bring him back to our shelter in San Mateo.”

The bird was examined by PHS/SPCA veterinarian staff at the shelter, and they noticed he was thin, and his wings were clipped.

“Since his wings were clipped, we were fairly certain he was someone’s pet, but no one came forward to claim him,” according Tarbox. “So, after the peacock put on some weight and was cleared medically, he was made available for adoption. And we christened him with the name Wingo Starr. His adoption fee is \$20.”



Peacocks have been kept as pet birds for thousands of years. The stunning plumage of the males have long inspired artists since ancient times. Peacocks require at least 80 square feet per bird, and ideally a specialized habitat such as a tree house to provide shelter and protection from



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predators.

Peacocks should be fed mixed grains, such as turkey or chicken feed, along with nuts, green vegetables and fruit. They will also eat insects, slugs, frogs and lizards, making for excellent organic pest control.

“We are specifically seeking adopters with previous peafowl experience and will be able to provide Wingo Starr with the amount of space he requires, and are committed to providing him the appropriate food, access to clean water and shelter,” said Tarbox.

To learn more about adopting Wingo Starr, please call PHS/SPCA at 650-340-7022.

PHS/SPCA is an open-door shelter and accepts animals of all kinds, including but not limited to dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, goats, pigs and even peacocks.

About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means almost 5,000 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.