Blue Front Amazon

**Scientific Name:** *Amazona aestiva*

**Common Name(s):** Blue Front Parrot, Turquoise-fronted Amazon.

**Origin:** Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Northern Argentina

**Length:** 14 - 16 inches

**Wing Span:** 20 inches

**Weight:** 300 - 400 grams

**Body Color:** The body is primarily green, however, there is quite a bit of color to this species. The feathers are edged with a dusky black. Directly above the upper mandible are blue feathers, going into white and then yellow. The yellow feathers can wrap around the head, eyes and neck.

**Life Span:** 50+ years

**Diet:**
- **Wild:** Fruits, berries, seeds, nuts, and the blossoms and leafy buds of foliage.
- **Captive:** Pellets, nuts, fruit, vegetables, seeds, treats.

**Personality:** This is an intelligent parrot that can be trained to perform tricks and to talk. The Blue-Front Amazon can be quite independent, but it is one of the easier going Amazons. It can become quite attached to one person if it is not socialized well. Blue-fronted Amazons like interaction but are quite content to entertain themselves for hours at a time just playing with their toys. They are not as active as some parrots, and can become obese easily. They are usually very food motivated and easy to train.

**Bite Potential:** Moderate to serious.

**Sexing:** DNA or endoscopy only.

**Cage Size:** Minimum 24 x 20 x 24 inches. Bar Spacing 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches.

**Cost:**
- **Pet Store:** $1000 - $1200
- **Breeder:** $600 - $900
- **Adoption:** $350