

BIRDS4U

Things to consider with the purchase of your new bird/parrot

- The bird/parrot may be scared due to change of environment, allow time for it to settle and adapt to the new home.
- Normally takes the bird/parrot a week's time to settle, so just be a little patient. Don't try to grab the bird and never put your hand into the cage otherwise the bird will get scared and stressed.
- The main key in settling your bird is that you need to talk to the bird and familiarise yourself as much as you can.
- Not to worry if your parrot does not eat on the first day or so, just ensure there is food and water in the cage. Make sure that you hang an apple in the cage with the string and leave the parrot's alone as he won't eat anything in front of you just for the first few days.

Caring for your Bird

Taking care of a bird is not a very big job! Find out what supplies you will need and what responsibilities you will have to take care of your new feathered friend.

Supplies

The Right Cage must be big enough for your bird to stretch his/her wings and fly

- Be made from nontoxic (non poisonous) material
- Must be hard enough that your bird can't ruin it by chewing
- Put the cage in an area like a family room, so your pet can be around everyone, birds are very social
- Avoid putting the cage near drafts and kitchens. Kitchen fumes like burnt Teflon from a cooking pan can kill a bird.

Toys

Birds like mirrors and other toys, make sure all toys are made from nontoxic material.

Chores

- Daily – Clean the cage of any droppings, Change water once or more if needed, provide fresh fruits and vegetables, and remove food after a couple hours.
- Ask your veterinarian to recommend a disinfectant cleaner that you can use to clean the cage each month

What to Feed Your Bird

- Birds need a balanced diet with food from all the major food groups.
- Birds are one type of pet that benefits from eating many “people foods” Birds must have fresh fruit and vegetables such as: apples, strawberries, grapes and carrots.
- **Never feed your bird a “sun flower seed-only” diet**
- **Never feed your bird houseplants, avocado, cherry pits, Rhubarb or raw milk products.**
- Ensure that your bird gets all vitamins and protein. Vitamin drops are available easily, just need to put a few drops in fresh water when needed.

Poisons and Dangerous Fumes

Many common household items can hurt or even kill your bird. These include:

- Overheated Teflon cookware, Tobacco smoke, Lead paints, Scented candles, Chemical cleaners, Insecticides, Aerosol products, some houseplants.

Finding the Right Veterinarian

- Your pet should see a veterinarian at least once a year and when you think it might be sick

Signs of illness in birds as characterised by changes in general appearance or

stance: Huddled, Sitting low on the perch, Sitting on the bottom of the cage, Hanging onto the side of the cage with his beak instead of sitting on a perch, Head tucked under wing and standing on two feet, Ruffled feathers (consistently), Weakness, Losing balance, teetering, or falling off of perch, Lumps or swelling of any portion of the body, Picking at his feathers or body, Trembling, Drooped or elevated wing(s)

NOTE: Please register your bird at a vet for a general health check-up, within a weeks' time of purchase just to make sure that everything is fine with the bird you have bought. If there is any issues/problems please contact us within a week's time on 07400944876 as after that no responsibility will be taken. No Refunds are given under any circumstances Thank you