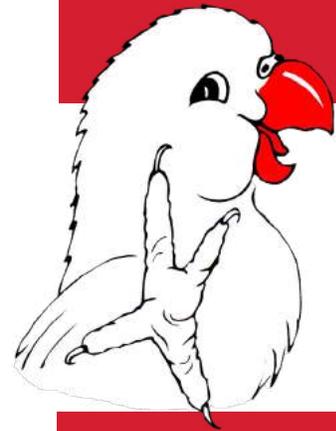


How to have a HAPPY HEALTHY PARROT

BASIC PARROT CARE GUIDELINES FROM THE WORLD PARROT TRUST



Parrots are intelligent, charismatic and beautiful, but also sensitive and demanding. As pets they are a **BIG** responsibility! With over 400 species, parrots vary greatly in size, habits and diet.

SO, LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT YOUR PARROT...

Find out where in the world your species comes from, what kind of habitat it would live in, how it would behave and what it would eat if it lived in the wild.



Hi! I am your pet parrot, and this is what I need...

1. A BIG Home

I need room to move about, exercise and flap my wings. Plus more room to keep my toys, branches, food and water. Please get me the BIGGEST cage possible!



2. Air Space

If my cage is really big, I may be able to fly from one end to the other. This is good, but a flight around a safe room (windows covered, no cats!) will be better.



3. The Right Diet

Variety, that's what I need! Not just seeds or pellets, but fruits, veggies, grains and pulses, too. Ask your vet or pet store for advice on the foods and supplements that are best for me.



4. Branches and Toys

In the wild I'd be forever busy, active and chewing all the time, so please give me fresh bird-safe branches often. Interesting toys will enrich my life and keep my brain, claws and beak busy!



5. Water

I need lots of water to keep my feathers in good condition. If I was in the rainforest I'd bathe in the treetops, but you can give me a lovely shower at least once a week.



6. Training

Understanding parrot behavior will help both of us have a happy relationship. 'Positive Reinforcement Training' is a wonderful way to interact with me, and I will enjoy learning basic commands which will help keep me safe.



7. Company Human or Bird

Every parrot needs a friend. If I haven't got a parrot pal, a human being will be OK, but I MUST have a lot of attention. Talk to me, feed me sensible tidbits, play with me. I'm like a bright child who never grows up! I will live a long time, so think of the future - who will look after me if you go on vacation?



8. An Aviary the ultimate luxury

If you can manage it, an indoor or sheltered outdoor aviary would give me a superior quality of life.

Plenty of space - sheer bliss!



9. A Special Doctor

Remember, I am an exotic animal and have special medical needs - not just any vet will do! Be sure to locate the nearest veterinarian with expertise in parrot care for my regular check-ups, and **always get help quickly** in emergencies.



What more can I do for my parrot?

Keep learning! The web is a great resource - try www.parrots.org first, where you'll find an extensive Encyclopedia with a beautiful photo gallery, information and video clips, a Reference Library with helpful articles, informative Podcasts by experts on a wide variety of topics, and more!

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