

# What more can I do for my parrot?



Parrots are intelligent, charismatic and beautiful, but sensitive and demanding - as pets they are a BIG responsibility! With over 300 species, parrots vary greatly in their 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.



As well as reading this basic parrot care leaflet, find out more from books and magazines, including 'PsittaScene' from the World Parrot Trust, ('psittacines' are members of the parrot family).

The internet is a great resource - try [www.parrots.org](http://www.parrots.org) first, where you'll find lots of free advice, a parrot encyclopedia with photo gallery and video clips. Members can also 'Ask the Expert' and chat to others through forums.

Think about where you will get your parrot from - aviary bred parrots can become good, healthy birds and trained to become friendly pets which are happy to be on their own for a few hours. Rescue centers may have birds which need caring homes.



LEARN ABOUT PARROT CARE  
[www.parrots.org](http://www.parrots.org)

Help the welfare of pet parrots and save endangered species.

Become a WPT member today!

[www.parrots.org/membership](http://www.parrots.org/membership)

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Further country contacts on-line including:  
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## Test your parrot knowledge with our quick quiz...

- How long might a cockatiel live?  About 5 years  
 Up to 10 years  
 Often 20 years or more
- What other name does the Golden Conure have?  Prince Parrot  
 Queen of Bavaria Conure  
 Green-winged Parakeet
- Is the Kakapo...  A flightless parrot?  
 The world's rarest parrot?  
 The heaviest parrot?
- What foods are vital for your pet parrot?  Fruit and vegetables  
 Peanuts  
 Seeds and nuts

Not sure of the answers?  
Go to [www.parrots.org/quiz](http://www.parrots.org/quiz) to check.

# How to have a HAPPY HEALTHY PARROT



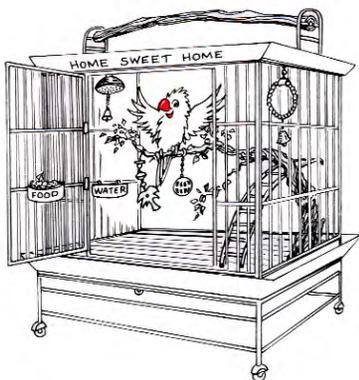
SOME GUIDELINES FROM THE WORLD PARROT TRUST



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



## 1. A BIG Home



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

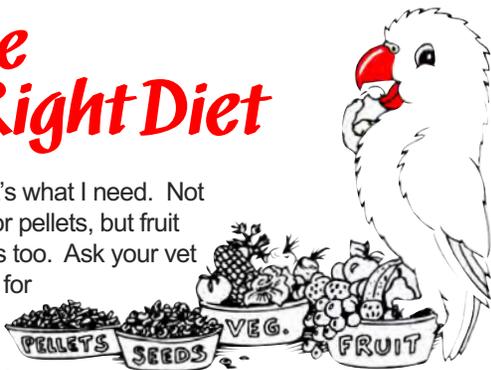
## 2. Air Space



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. Some pet owners ask their vets to clip our wing feathers, if we are not in a safe environment for flying.

## 3. The Right Diet

Variety, that's what I need. Not just seeds or pellets, but fruit and veggies too. Ask your vet or pet store for advice on diets and supplements.



## 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 to chew once or twice a week.



Also interesting toys to 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 with warm water twice 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 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 holiday?



## 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 a wild animal, and have special medical needs. Find out who your nearest veterinarian with expertise in parrot care is, for check-ups, and always **get help quickly** in emergencies.

Get a microchip fitted so that you can identify me if I should get lost.

**I am intelligent, sensitive, demanding, charismatic and beautiful, but I am a BIG responsibility! A pet parrot is for life, and I may live for up to fifty years.**

Note carefully - advice in this leaflet is based on our experience, but we accept no specific legal responsibility. If your parrot is ill, always consult a qualified vet.