

What more can I do for my parrot?



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.



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

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

Think about where you will get your bird; rescue centers often have displaced birds in need of caring homes, or an aviary bred parrot from a trustworthy and healthy source. By taking the time to do proper research and preparation, you and your parrot can have a long and happy life together!



LEARN ABOUT PARROT CARE

www.parrots.org

Help the welfare of pet parrots and save endangered species.

Become a **WPT member today!**

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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? Fruits and vegetables
 Grains and pulses
 Seeds and nuts

Not sure of the answers?
Go to www.parrots.org to look them up!

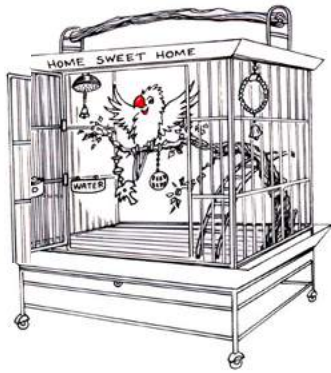
How to have a HAPPY HEALTHY PARROT



SOME GUIDELINES FROM THE WORLD PARROT TRUST



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

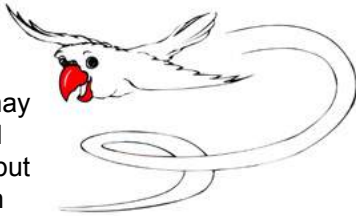


1. A BIG Home

I need room to move about, exercise and stretch 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

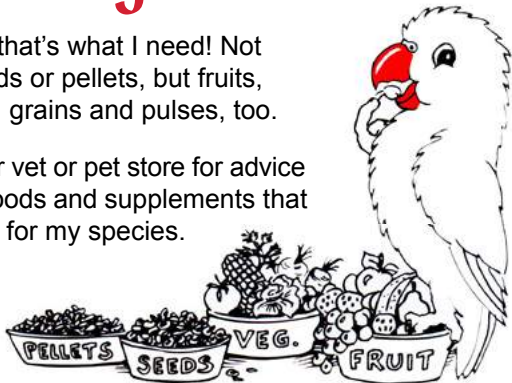
If my cage is really big, I may be able to fly from one end to the other. This is good, but a flight around a safe room (windows covered, no cats!) will be better.



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 my species.



4. Branches and Toys

In the wild I'd be forever busy, active and chewing all the time, so please be sure to give me fresh bird-safe branches often.



Interesting toys will enrich my life and keep my brain, claws and beak busy. Try foraging toys so I can work for my treats!

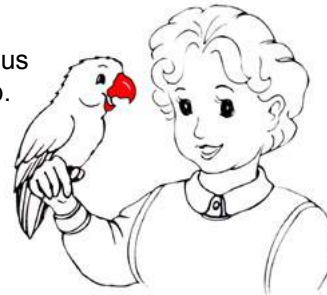


5. Water

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.



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