



COCKATIEL care sheet



PET DEPOT

Do not feed fruit seeds, avocados, caffeine or alcohol. Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your birds health.

CAGING NEEDED

- Appropriate size cage. The bird must be able to flap it's wings without hitting the sides of the cage. Metal bars and a metal grate over the dropping tray is recommended. Provide the largest habitat possible.
- Wooden or plastic dowel perches are usually sold with the cage you purchase. A variety of perch widths are good for cockatiel's feet.
- You will need at least three feeding cups. Two are usually sold with the cage. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.

ENVIRONMENT

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. Keep cage off the floor and avoid drafty areas. Never place cage in direct sunlight. Cover cage at night with an appropriate cover.

DIET

- Fresh seed should be provided daily. Pelleted diets are also recommended. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually.
- Fresh vegetables and fruits such as grated carrots, raw broccoli, apple slices and green leafy vegetables should be given daily. Vegetables and fruit not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded.
- Birds appreciate a variety in their food. Treats and millet are also recommended.

WATER NEEDS

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily. During warm summer months, your parakeet will enjoy bathing in a birdbath.

MISC. INFORMATION

A hand-reared young cockatiel will be tamed and a wonderful companion pet. Cockatiels mimic sounds. Clipping flight feathers will help prevent injury when your cockatiel decides to fly. This should be done by a professional.

AVERAGE SIZE

11 - 14 inches long.

LIFE SPAN

Up to 20 - 25 years.

SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seed and/or Pellets | <input type="checkbox"/> Cage & Cage Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet | <input type="checkbox"/> Cage Paper or Appropriate Litter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin Supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Perches | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttlebones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Cockatiels |