



# PARROTLET 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. A flight cage is recommended. Bars of cage should be no more than 1/2 inch apart. 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 their feet, perches should be at least 1/2" in diameter.
- 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

Specialized pelleted diets should be provided daily. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually.

- Fresh vegetables and fruits 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 Lorikeet will enjoy bathing in a birdbath.

## MISC. INFORMATION

Parrotlets are best kept by themselves as they can be territorial. They are active & need time out of their cage each day to interact.

## AVERAGE SIZE

4 - 6 inches long.

## LIFE SPAN

10 - 20 years.

## SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pellets & Fortified Seed | <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 & Toys            | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming Spray/Bird Bath         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Perches       | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Parrotlets            |