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 bird's health.

**CAGING NEEDED**

- Appropriate size cage. The bird must be able to flap its 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 Pionus will enjoy bathing in a birdbath.

**MISC. INFORMATION**

Pionus have a sweet nature and a generally quiet demeanor. They can learn to talk.

**AVERAGE SIZE**

9 inches long.

**LIFE SPAN**

30 years.

**SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES**

- Pellets & Fortified Seed
- Millet & Cuttlebone
- Vitamin Supplements
- Treats & Toys
- Variety of Perches
- Cage & Cage Cover
- Cage Paper or Appropriate Litter
- Food & Water Dishes
- Grooming Spray/Bird Bath
- Book about Pionus