

**Pet Depot** recommends the following products for good health and proper care.

### Basic needs for most birds

- ☐ **Cage** Large enough to fully extend & exercise their wings
- ☐ **Food** A good variety of seeds or pellets
- ☐ **Vitamins** For better nutrition & health
- ☐ **Cuttlebone** Provides calcium & conditions the beak
- ☐ **Treat Foods** Added nutrition & variety
- ☐ **Spray Millet** Good natural seed source
- ☐ **Egg Biscuit** Added nutrition
- ☐ **Bedding** Sanitary & easy cleaning
- ☐ **Conditioning perch** For well groomed beak & nails
- ☐ **Toys** For entertainment & fun
- ☐ **Bird wash/spray** For clean & shiny feathers
- ☐ **Bird Bath** Allows bird to bathe as desired
- ☐ **Bird Protector** Kills mites
- ☐ **Extra Cups** For treats & gravel
- ☐ **Seed Guard** Less mess & helps keep seed in cage
- ☐ **Books** For general information

### Health Information

Birds are naturally healthy and disease resistant. The most common health problems are colds and bronchial infections. Sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, runny nose, etc. are symptoms of these illnesses. Avoid drafts and rapid changes in temperature.

Other signs of illness:

- Loss of appetite– not eating
- Diarrhea
- Ruffled Feathers
- Inactivity– excessive sleeping



### Feeding

Feeding birds a variety of foods is essential for good health. We recommend feeding basic staple seeds or pellets, treat foods, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

# Pet Bird

## Basic Care & Guarantee




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## Grooming

### Feathers

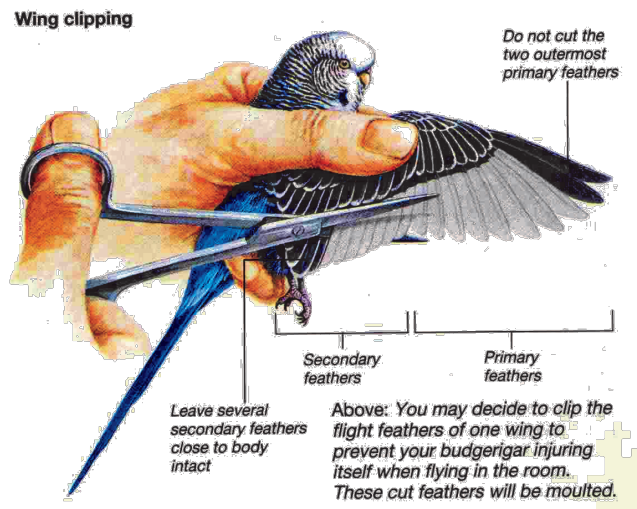
Clean, healthy, fully developed plumage is essential to the well being of your pet bird. Preening is work a bird does on it's feather to maintain their cleanliness, beauty and function. Birds have two to three thousand feathers. Each feather must be cleaned of dust and dirt, untangled, fluffed, lubricated and properly placed in position every day.

### Wing Trimming

Properly done, a wing trim should prevent full flight. Wing trimming will prevent a bird from flying away, avoid injuries commonly associated with flying, and makes training easier. The preferred technique is to trim both wings. By trimming the flight feathers of both wings instead of just one, a bird can still have a safe, controlled glide to the floor. Flight feathers are the first 10-12 feathers on the wing. When only one wing is trimmed, balance, is poor, directional ability is lost and dangerous 'crash landings' can occur.

Wing trimming must be done a regular basis. It is recommended that the wings be checked regularly. If you are going to trim the bird's wings, be careful not to cut the blood feathers. These are new feathers that maintain a large blood supply. Have a veterinarian or a qualified person help you trim your birds wings until you are comfortable doing it on your own.

### Illustration



### Bath

Bathing is an excellent way to encourage preening. Bathe two or three times weekly. There are many ways to bathe birds. Every bird will have its own preference when it comes to bathing. A bird bath usually encourages bathing. Birds that resist bathing can be misted with a bird spray bottle.



### Molting

Molting is a term given to the shedding or loss of old feathers. New feathers grow in during the molting process. Growing new feathers requires considerable energy. A good diet is very important.

## Life Chart

### Finch

Life Span.....5 years  
Age of Maturity.....2 months or more

### Canary

Life Span.....5-15 years  
Age of Maturity.....1 year

### Parakeet

Life Span.....8-15 years  
Age of Maturity.....6-8 months

### Cockatiel

Life Span.....15-25 years  
Age of Maturity.....7-12 months

### Lovebirds

Life Span.....10-15 years  
Age of Maturity.....8-12 months

### Conure

Life Span.....10-35 years  
Age of Maturity.....1-3 years

### African Grey

Life Span.....40+ years  
Age of Maturity.....3 years

### Macaw

Life Span.....25-50+ years  
Age of Maturity.....2-5 years

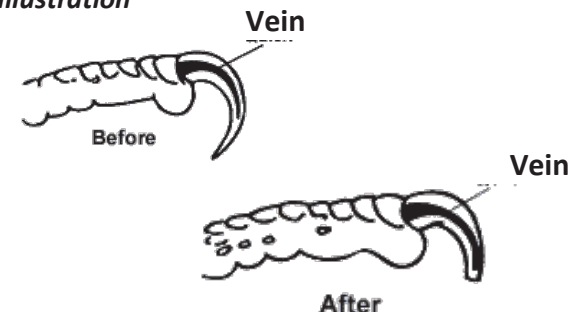
### Cockatoo

Life Span.....30+ years  
Age of Maturity.....2+ years

### Nail Trimming

A normal nail will curve down and form a right angle to the end of the toe. When trimming nails, be careful not to cut the vein. It can be seen, in light colored nails, as a pink coloration inside the claw. Have styptic powder on hand to stop bleeding. One person should do the trimming while another restrains the bird. Cut small amounts at a time until the proper length is achieved. Stop at first signs of bleeding.

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