



Congratulations!! You have just adopted a new friend, a hand-fed baby no less... Please take time to read this so you will be better able to care for your new pet, thus insuring him/her a longer, happier and healthier life!

Cage

Your bird came directly from being hand fed and living in a brooder, to our open display area, so this will be his first time in a cage. He will also be separated from siblings and by himself for the first time. There will be a period of adjustment to his cage and new surroundings. Do not place cage by air conditioner or heater vents or in direct sun. Avoid drafty areas.

Water & Vitamins

Please see to it that the water cup is cleaned thoroughly each day and filled 1/3 to 1/2 with fresh water. If the water gets dirty, look at it and ask yourself, "Would I drink that?" We recommend **SPIRULINA** as a very good overall vitamin for all birds. Just sprinkle on your bird's food each day.

Seed or Pellets

Be sure to notice if your bird is getting to his food dish and eating. Dishes should be cleaned and refilled daily.

Treats and Table Food

There are six foods to **avoid** giving to your birds: **Milk, Chocolate, Avocado, Parsley, Lettuce and Cherries.** Many others are tolerated and enjoyed if started at an early age. Fresh fruits and vegetables are great. You will find that your bird will have his own favorites. Chicken and pasta rank high as good treats as do apples, grapes, broccoli and carrots. Avoid excessive sweets, salt and citrus. Citrus has a tendency to destroy feather shafts.

Handling

The more everyone handles your baby, the better a pet he will be. Handle with clean hands. Birds like having a routine. Greet your bird with a happy voice and friendly hand each time you interact.

Grooming

Most birds enjoy bathing. Remember bathing should be done in the morning so that he has all day to dry. You may use a fine mist from a spray bottle or offer a water dish for bath time. When using commercial bird bath spray, be sure that it does not contain any form of alcohol, as alcohol only dries out the skin and makes feathers dull. We also recommend clipping wings for your bird's safety. Unclipped birds have been known to fly into ceiling fans, windows and mirrors etc. Even pet birds with unclipped flight feathers will fly away. We recommend getting your bird's flight feathers, toenails and beak checked every 4 to 6 weeks. Because our pet birds are deprived of the needed moisturizers from natural branches and leafy vegetation, some birds are plagued with dry, chipping and scaling of their beaks and feet. We recommend the use of Coconut Oil for this problem. Use on a daily basis will help prevent this condition.

Temperature

Temperatures between 68° – 75° are ideal. Avoid drafts and abrupt temperature changes.

Talking

Repetition is the key to getting your pet bird to talk. Place your pet bird in an area without any distractions such as television, radio or windows. Always speak to your pet bird in a clear voice. Having a young bird such as a hand fed baby will greatly increase your chances of getting your pet bird to talk.

Some Precautions

Teflon, Silverstone cookware and self-cleaning ovens as well as paint, varnish, carpet shampoo, nail polish remover, hairspray and other caustic substances could be hazardous to the health of your bird. When installing *new carpets*, get your birds out of the house. Scented candles are very hazardous to your pet bird and should not be used around them.

We hope this information will help you have a long and happy life with your new feathered friend. If you have any questions, please call us at 616-247-3663. Our store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 11-3.

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