

cockatiel care sheet



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.



habitat

Appropriate size cage. The bird must be able to flap its 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.



temperature

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

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

shopping list

- cage & cage cover
- cage paper or appropriate litter
- seed and/or pellets
- food & water dishes
- treats
- millet
- cuttlebones
- variety of toys
- bird bath
- variety of perches
- vitamin supplements
- book about cockatiels

fun facts

average size

11 to 14 inches long

average life span

up to 20 to 25 years

misc. information

clipping flight feathers will help prevent injury
a hand-reared young cockatiel will be tame and a wonderful companion pet
cockatiels mimic sounds

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