

BUDGIE INFORMATION LEAFLET



Budgies make fantastic pets and long term companions.

Budgies are very small parakeets and with patience and dedication may mimic words and become very friendly.

DIET

Clean fresh water must be made available at all times.

Budgies are fed on a seed mixture that is comprised mainly of canary and millet seed.

Budgies also enjoy fresh millet as a treat, a couple of strands a week is sufficient.

Cuttlefish bone is a valuable source of calcium and provides an easy source of minerals for your budgie.

Tonics may also be purchased during moult to improve plumage, and replenish feather growth.

Oyster grit provides minerals and allows birds to grind their food in the gullet.

Greens contain essential minerals and vitamins, but must be given in small amounts.

CHICKWEED, DANDELION, GROUNDSEL,
SHEPERDS PURSE AND SPINACH.

HOUSING

Budgies need enough room to spread out their wings and move around freely, so the larger your cage the happier your bird will be.

An outdoor aviary attached to a garden shed for shelter is an also adequate place for budgies to allow flight for budgies kept outdoors.

If keeping indoors sandperch covers are necessary to allow birds to wear down claws naturally.

Sand paper or wooden pellets may be used to catch faeces , and must be cleaned regularly.

It is ideal to use a bird safe disinfectant to clean bacteria and viruses as household products may be harmful to your pet.

Do not keep cage birds in a draft or in direct sunlight.

COMPANIONSHIP

Budgies are naturally flock birds so it is ideal to house more than one together as they are sociable.

If housed alone it may be easier to tame and teach your bird to talk. However it depends on how much time you are able to give your bird.

TALKING

Budgies have been known to mimic their owners. Repeat a word every day and your budgie over time may mimic your voice. Over time you can teach him more words.

GROOMING

Budgies will essentially preen themselves but will also bathe in a shallow bird bath.

Some birds also enjoy being sprayed gently with water.

EXERCISE AND PLAY

Budgies are very inquisitive and playful so it is important to provide toys to keep them entertained, this also prevents behavioural problems such as feather plucking.

If you let your budgie out of its cage to fly, ensure windows are closed tight to ensure your bird does not escape.

Budgie outdoors will enjoy toys and natural branches eg Apple and pear.

HANDLING

Baby budgies may be timid at first so talk softly to them, so they recognise and trust your voice. When you feel he is more confident slowly place a stick into your budgies cage and allow budgie to perch in his

own time. When you feel your budgie is more confident place your perch close to your hand and encourage your budgie with his favourite treat. When your budgie has learnt to trust you gently stroke him with your other hand.

BOARDING

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