

BUDGIE



Average Lifespan: 10-20 years with proper care
Avg adult size: 7 inches long head to tail

Think carefully before adopting an animal, it is a lifetime decision!

DIET

- High-quality budgie/parakeet pellets should make up 60-70% of the diet, with fresh vegetables, fruits & small amounts of fortified seeds making up the rest.
- Clean, fresh water, always available and changed daily.
- If your budgie is eating a seed diet, remember that the bowl will never be empty. Seeds need to be changed daily, as empty husks will always be left in the bowl.
- Avoid treats that have a high sugar or fat content. Never feed chocolate or caffeine. Avocado and fruit seeds are also on the list of things your budgie should never eat.
- Discard any fruits and vegetables if they have not been eaten after 24 hours.

BEHAVIOR

- Budgies are active, and enjoy time out from their habitat to interact with family.
- Budgies should be kept in pairs if you are unable to devote time to them daily.
- Provide foraging toys because this provides important stimulation of a budgies mind.
- If you would like your budgie to bond with you, your budgie should be kept alone. When kept in pairs they will bond more with each other.

HABITAT

- Household temperatures are suitable for the budgie. Temperature should not exceed 27 degrees Celsius, and it is very important that your budgie is never exposed to drafts. Habitat should be off the floor, and in a well-lit room of your home.
- The habitat should be a cage designed specifically for budgies. An average size would be 18"Wx18"Dx18"H with metal bars spaced no greater than 1/2" apart. This size habitat would be good for 1 budgie. It is best to provide the largest habitat possible.
- You can line the bottom of the habitat with paper or bedding suitable for budgies for easier cleaning.
- Never place food and water bowls directly under perches to avoid contamination.
- It is recommended to have perches of different sizes as this will exercise the feet and prevent arthritis.
- The habitat and perches should be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Replace substrate or habitat lining weekly or more often as needed.
- Perches, dishes and toys need to be replaced as they wear out. Toys should be rotated to keep bird interested.
- Ensure that there are no parts or toys with lead or zinc as these can be harmful to your bird.
- Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your bird's health.

GROOMING & HYGIENE

- Provide filtered, chlorine-free, lukewarm water regularly for bathing. Remove water when budgie is done. You could also mist your budgie with water or a grooming spray.
- Clipping the flight feathers is not necessary, however it definitely prevents injury or escape.
- Nails should be trimmed as needed.

What you need ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttle Bone/Millet Holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Perches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality budgie food | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Bedding/Lining | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttle Bone | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins and Supplements |

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