

CANARY



Average Lifespan: 10+ years with proper care
Avg adult size: 3-4 inches long head to tip of tail

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

DIET

- High-quality canary pellets should make up 60-70% of the diet (red canaries need special food to maintain their color), with fresh vegetables, fruits & moderate amounts of fortified seeds making up the rest.
- Clean, fresh water, always available and changed daily.
- If your canary 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. It is very important that canaries ALWAYS have seeds available.
- 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 canary should never eat.
- Discard any fruits and vegetables if they have not been eaten after 24 hours.

BEHAVIOR

- Male canaries are known for their singing. The females will chirp rather than sing.
- Canaries need room to fly in their habitat.
- If you put mirrors in the habitat, a male canary may not sing.
- Provide foraging toys because this provides important stimulation of a canary's mind.
- Do not house more than 1 male canary together. Canaries do best when kept with at least 1 other canary, preferably more.

HABITAT

- Household temperatures are suitable for the canary. Temperature should not exceed 27 degrees Celsius, and it is very important that your canary 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 canaries. An average size would be 18"Wx14"Dx18"H with metal bars spaced no greater than 3/8" apart. This size habitat would be good for 1 canary. It is best to provide the largest habitat possible.
- You can line the bottom of the habitat with paper or bedding suitable for canaries 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 canary is done. You could also mist your canary with water or a grooming spray.
- 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"/> Bird Bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality canary food | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Bedding/Lining | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttle Bone | <input type="checkbox"/> Grit | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins & Supplements | |

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