

CARING FOR YOUR LARGE PARROT



Essential information for your new pet

CHECKLIST

- High Quality Feed for Large Parrots
- Aviary or cage with plenty of room
- Cage cover for night time
- Grit to cover housing floor
- Perch
- Water and food dishes
- Bird bath
- Bird toys to keep your large parrot stimulated
- Cuttlefish or mineral treats for your bird's beak health and shape
- Worming treatment
- Mite and lice spray
- Pet safe disinfectant for cleaning housing
- Treats



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BASIC INFO

Large Parrots are beautiful and intelligent animals which makes for a wonderful companion and can live a lengthy life, with cockatoos living up to 100 years. Common breeds of large parrots include Cockatoos, Galahs and Eclectus.

Your large parrot will enjoy interacting with you every day. Some will talk, and others may be quiet. They're pleasurable to view and are quite charming.

FEEDING YOUR LARGE PARROT

It is vital that your large parrot gets the required nutrition for growth, health, and adult development. Choose a good quality bird seed or pellets to provide all the nutrients and vitamins required for healthy development, and assists in the prevention of disease. Feeding the right food throughout your large parrot's life will assist in fighting various health problems.

Provide cuttlefish or mineral stones at all times for your large parrot as it's a great source of calcium and helps with your large parrot's beak health and shape.

Grit is essential in your large parrot's diet to help breakdown seeds in it's gut, and help with egg shell formation when breeding.

Avoid feeding your large parrot avocados, fruit seeds, rhubarb, chocolate, onions, raw or dried beans, eggplants, cherries, beetroot, cabbage, and oxalis.

Always keep fresh water available for your large parrot and change daily.

AVIARIES & PERCHES

Large parrots are usually housed in aviaries but cages can be used. When choosing an aviary/cage, try and choose the biggest option you can allow space for, enough room for your large parrot to stretch it's wings and fly. Your large parrot shouldn't be able to fit it's head through the bars, and the aviary should be strong enough so your bird won't be able to bend or chew through the bars.

Make sure the aviary/cage is placed in a well ventilated area and away from any drafts and direct sunlight.

Cover the flooring of your large parrot's aviary/cage with grit and clean it at least once a week, including emptying and replacing the grit.

Make sure you include a perch within your large parrot's enclosure. A perch should be fairly rough to help nails from over growing and lesions forming on the skin. Perch covers and mineral perches are available from our stores. Large perches are great for your parrot to stand on when outside of the aviary/cage.

TOYS & EXERCISE

Include toys and ladders within the aviary/cage to help stimulate your large parrot. You can rotate the toys and ladders around every fortnight to make things more interesting and different. If your large parrot is tame and you trust it outside of the cage, let him out of the cage for a little while. Never leave your large parrot unsupervised outside of the aviary.

HEALTH

Large parrots should be wormed ever 3 months, especially if the aviary is outside and have multiple birds in it.

To prevent mites and lice, treat your large parrot every 6 weeks with a mite and lice spray. Spray your large parrot according to the instructions on the bottle, and on the cage and toys. Be sure to remove any food and water prior to treatment.

A healthy large parrot will have smooth, well groomed feathers, eat and drink regularly, be active, beak and feet look normal, bright, dry eyes, and dry nares.

Vet visits may be required when your large parrot is looking ill. Keep a close eye on your large parrot for any of the following symptoms: not eating, puffed up feathers, sleeping excessively, throwing up, abnormal droppings, sitting low or at the bottom of the aviary, and discharge from nostrils, eyes or beak.

Common illnesses and diseases associated with large parrot include:

- Malignant Tumors, Lymphomas, and Fatty Tumors. These may be cause from seed only diets, and can be benign or cancerous.
- Goiter is from a lack of iodine, and causes the thyroid gland to enlarge.
- Megabacteria is a large organism which causes a bird to lose it's strength, energy and appetite very quickly.