PET

ALEXANDRINE

The Alexandrine is one of the largest species of parrot

When cared for correctly, Alexandrines can live for 15-30 years! This should be noted when considering an Alexandrine as a pet.

Alexandrines are dimorphic in adulthood meaning males & females will feature different colourations. Juevenile Alexandrines are monomorphic, meaning they appear similar but duller in appearance to that of the adult females.

Adult males always feature black neck rings & large pink bands on their napes (commonly called nape bands). Often males only display a narrow band of blueish-grey above their bold pink nape-band.

Alexandrines are friendly without being overly dependent, they are playful without being overly hyper-active.

If aquired as a hand raised bird, they will form a very close bond with you.

The Alexandrine gets it's name from Alexander the Great who exported these birds throughout Europe & regions of the Mediterranean.



Daily interaction from you will assist with their mental enrichment & stimulation as they are a highly intelligent parrot.

A variety of chewable toys should assist with this. These parrots are large, it is therefore crtical that your young Alexandrine is socialised from an early age.

Alexandrines will mimic words & whistle tunes easily. They are easy to train too!

Alexandrine's should be fed on a specially formulated pelleted diet with about 20% of their diet made up from vegies & fresh fruits. Always have a fresh supply of water for your Alexandrine.

Alexandines love to bath & enjoy splashing around every day!

Training your Alexandrine is easy, especially when you know what your birds favourite treat is! This could be fruit or nuts. A very simple, yet important trick is getting your bird to 'step up'. This comes in handy when taking your bird in & out of their enclosure. Start by placing your finger or a perch close to the birds chest. With a treat in the other hand, encourage your bird to move upwards following the treat & onto your hand or perch. As soon as they have done this reward them with lots of praise & their treat.

Start with short succinct 5-10 minute training sessions a few times a day. In no time at all, your clever Alexandrine will 'step'up' on command!

When choosing a house for your Alexandrine it should be large enough for your bird to fly from perch to perch.

Replace one of the dowel perches with a native tree branch or a 'pedi perch'. These assist with keeping beaks & claws trim, as well as enabling the birds feet to stretch over a variety of thicknesses, as they would in their natural environment.

The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with oz pet litter to absorb waste. A trolley that the enclosure will sit in allows you to move your bird around your home, ensuring that it always receives natural filtered sunlight.

A bird tent inside their enclosure will provide your Alexandrine with a safe place to snuggle & keep warm.

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