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# BUDGIES

## A MODERN TWIST ON A CLASSIC PET!

The budgie is native to northern parts of Australia & is a popular pet all over the world. Overall, the budgie is one of the hardiest Australian parrots you could own & when cared for correctly they can live for around 8 years.

Budgies require a diet of seed with fruit, vegetables, sprouts & fresh water daily. Budgies in the wild will eat a small amount of grit, this helps with digestion.

*Budgies have monocular vision, meaning they can see out of each eye independantly of the other one.*

Budgies will require worming every 3 months to prevent intestinal worms.

The claws & beak of budgies may need filing from time to time. Investing in a 'pedi perch' will help keep them filed short naturally.



*Budgies can register over 150 images per second, compared with just 16 for humans!*

When choosing a house for your budgie, it should be large enough for your bird to fly from perch to perch. Always replace one of the dowel perches with a native tree branch or a 'pedi perch'. This enables the birds feet to stretch over a variety of thicknesses, much the same as they would in their natural environment.

The substrate should be covered with oz pet litter to absorb waste. A trolley that your bird enclosure will sit in allows you to move your budgie around your home, ensuring that it always receives natural filtered sunlight & can be moved out of draughts & hot/cold extremities.

Always cover the cage at night and keep the bird out of draughts as they can easily catch a chill in cool climates.

*The heart rate of the budgie is also extremely fast & cannot be monitored by listening in the normal way, as it beats over 300 times per minute!*

Training a budgie to mimic words and sounds is easy, most can learn around 20 different words! To begin training your bird to talk, start with simple phrases such as 'pretty bird' or 'hello'. Do this for 10-15 minutes twice a day & your budgie will gradually respond over the course of a few weeks.

Try not to confuse your budgie by attempting to teach him or her too many words at once. Remember, this is a gradual process & always reward your bird with lots of praise!

