PARAKEET care sheet

PET DEPOT

Do not feed fruit seeds, avocados, caffeine or alcohol. Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your birds health.

CAGING NEEDED

• Appropriate size cage. The bird must be able to flap it's wings without hitting the sides of the cage. Metal bars and a metal grate over the dropping tray. Provide the largest habitat possible. • Wooden or plastic dowel perches are usually sold with the cage you purchase. A variety of perch widths are good for parakeets feet. • You will need at least three feeding cups. Two are usually sold with the cage. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.

ENVIRONMENT

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. Keep cage off the floor and avoid drafty areas. Never place cage in direct sunlight. Cover cage at night with an appropriate cover.

DIET

• Fresh seed should be provided daily. Pelleted diets are also recommended. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually. • Fresh vegetables and fruits such as grated carrots, raw broccoli, apple slices and green leafy vegetables should be given daily. Vegetables and fruit not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded. • Birds appreciate a variety in their food. Treats and millet are also recommended.

WATER NEEDS

Provide fresh clean chlorine-free water daily. During warm summer months, your parakeet will enjoy bathing in a birdbath.

MISC. INFORMATION

Parakeets can become talkers or mimics.

AVERAGE SIZE

7 inches long.

LIFE SPAN

10 - 20 years.

SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

- ☐ Seed and/or Pellets
- ☐ Millet
- ☐ Vitamin Supplements
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Variety of Perches
- ☐ Variety of Toys
- ☐ Cage & Cage Cover
- ☐ Cage Paper or Appropriate Litter
- ☐ Food & Water Dishes
- ☐ Bird Bath
- ☐ Cuttlebones
- ☐ Book about Parakeets