

 10-15 years

 5-7 inches

 Intermediate

 65-77° F

 Seeded Foods



Lovebirds are intelligent, social, and affectionate birds. They develop a fierce loyalty toward their keeper or their cage mate. If you have one lovebird, they will need to have a lot of attention. If you have two lovebirds that are bonded, they will keep each other occupied, and the bird will bond less to its keeper. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

CAGE SET UP

Lovebirds must have a well-ventilated home with a lot of space. They are extremely active birds, and too small of a cage will stress them out and could potentially cause health issues.

A minimum of 32" x 20" x 20" wire cage is recommended for two birds.

BEDDING

Horse pellet bedding, corn cob, or aspen bedding work well. As always, NEVER use cedar shavings with any small animals or bird. It negatively affects the respiratory tracts in small animals.

TEMPERATURE

Room temperature, between 65-77°F, is ideal for lovebirds. If your house is cooler, you can use a red heat light at night, kept at least 10 inches from the top of the cage, for extra warmth.

Keep the cage in a safe area, away from windows and drafts.

FOOD AND WATER

Feed your lovebird seeded foods, NOT pelleted food. The lovebirds have been raised on seeds, fruits, and grains; changing their diet could cause intestinal illness. Happy Hearts Cockatiel Seed or Blue Seal Cockatiel Seed are good choices. Lovebirds may also be fed millet. You will need a food bowl, water bowl, and a shallow water dish for bathing. Lovebirds love to bathe in shallow dishes rather than a deep bath.

HANDLING

Some lovebirds are easy to tame, while others can take some extra time. Handling a single lovebird is a bit easier than trying to tame two, as they will bond to you and not the other bird. While handling in the beginning, it's a good idea to wear gloves.

CLEANING

Clean out the bird cage on a daily basis. Wash the base and the bowls with warm soapy water and dry before adding any bedding. The perches must be kept clean as well.

ACCESSORIES

Lovebirds must be kept busy and active, with swings, perches, shiny toys, and mirrors. They will also do very well with nesting boxes, Cozy Corners, or Snuggle Sacks; not just for breeding purposes, but for a safe spot if they get nervous or startled.