
 5-20 years

 6-8 inches

 Beginner

 65-75° F

 Pelleted & Seeded Foods



Parakeets are very intelligent, friendly, and social birds, and prefer to be kept in a colony rather than alone. It may, however, be more difficult to tame them if there are too many in the cage. The birds will bond to one another, and will not be as apt to bond with its new owners. Parakeets come in a variety of colors, and actually have quite a large vocabulary! These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

CAGE SET UP

Parakeets must have a well-ventilated home with a lot of space. Parakeets love to move around frequently in their cage, so the larger the better. Provide several perches at different levels that are the appropriate size for their feet.

BEDDING

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

TEMPERATURE

Room temperature, between 65-75°F, is ideal for parakeets. Keep the cage in a safe area, away from windows and direct drafts.

FOOD AND WATER

Feed your parakeets pelleted and seeded foods. Fresh food and water on a daily basis is a must. They will also enjoy fruits and vegetables. Keep millet available at all times for your parakeet. You will also want to put a shallow water dish on the bottom of the cage for bathing. Parakeets love to bathe in shallow dishes, rather than a deep bath.

HANDLING

Parakeets can be trained to fly around the house and return to their cage, but it may take some time. Try training your parakeet to come for treats and fruit, always making sure that your doors and windows are closed! 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 bowls with warm soapy water, and dry before adding any bedding. The birds' perches must be kept clean also.

ACCESSORIES

Parakeets love toys, shiny objects, and mirrors. They will also enjoy several perches and a swing. You won't want to overcrowd your parakeet's cage, but you will want enough toys to keep it entertained