



BUDGIE BIRDS CARE SHEET

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IT'S A BUDGIE, NO IT'S A PARAKEET!



Parakeets are actually made up of even more than one hundred species of birds. They are typically seed-consuming birds, they are little in dimension, they possess slim body systems and also long-tapering tails. Apart coming from being actually referred to as parakeets, they are actually also at times recommended to as covering parakeets as a result of to the covering - like developments on their wings.

Budgies generally have a length of 7 1/2 in. and also they are available in a variety of shades of environment-friendly and also yellows. Parakeets generally, including budgie birds, dwell in warm and comfortable regions. You can find all of them in exotic locations in the USA, in India, as well as in their indigenous land, Australia. They choose temps that evaluate around 70s to reduced 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

In reality, in Australia, they really love to flock in grasslands. Parakeets and budgies flock together to form a breeding colony. They home as well as put their eggs in tree holes. Generally, they set regarding 6 to 8 eggs, two times a year. Contrasted to other parrot varieties, they possess a briefer life expectancy, and also may just reside for 6 to 12 years.

BUDGIE AS PETS



Budgerigars, also known as budgies or parakeets, are generally friendly and talkative. You'll certainly enjoy their company. They are also naturally curious birds, and they love it when their keeper provides them with some form of mental stimulation. They are indeed, and you'll also find out that they are easy to teach and train some bird tricks.

Budgerigar birds normally react effectively to routine managing yet help make sure that you perform it carefully. They are affectionate birds and also additionally tamed, making all of them best as family pets. The interesting point about budgies is actually that they are social birds. It is because of their friendly mindset that makes them great family pets.

Budgie Compatibility

Budgerigar birds generally respond well to regular handling but make sure that you do it gently. They are affectionate birds and are also tame, making them ideal as pets. In addition to that, even if they mimic human sounds, they are not as loud compared to other parrots.

Social Birds

The interesting thing about budgies is that they are social birds. This is why they are perfect as companions because they do want to hang out with fellow birds and humans. It is because of their sociable attitude that makes parakeets and parrots alike learn human speech. They want to be able to communicate with you and learn the “flock language” because now they consider you as a part of their flock.

Since your pet is a captive parakeet, his/ her flock consists you, your family members, and even your other household pets. Your budgie will learn from you, and will most likely imitate what you’re saying just like a toddler learning how to speak.

Welcoming Budgies

When it comes Budgerigars behavior with other pets, there is actually no general rule when introducing your pet parrot with other types or species of birds, sometimes they’ll get along, sometimes they won’t.

Fortunately, Budgerigars in general are very welcoming to other species regardless of its kind! They are very friendly parrots, and you as the owner don’t have to worry if ever you would introduce them to other birds or pets, they love to hang out with everyone including people!

There is however a flipside, Budgies tend to be harmful companions for smaller birds or birds of the same size, such as cockatiels. Even if your budgie gets along with a larger or smaller bird, accidental injuries can occur during play or when they are just simply spending time inside the cage. They are indeed, small but sometimes terrible birds so keep a tight watch over them especially if you just introduced them or if they interact with other species.

BUYING BUDGIE PARAKEETS



You can find lots of budgie birds in pet stores, and some of them are also being sold online. However, you have to be careful because you could be buying a bird that's a product of bird mills. We highly recommend that you acquire one from shelters or parrot rescues. In the U.S., there are parrot rescues in just about every state. You can check out if a budgie is available for adoption. This is way better than buying from pet stores because usually birds are already medically tested and cleared if they came from rescues.

Health - Check

In a parrot welfare organization, they do some medical test for birds. This usually includes fecal analysis – to ensure the bird is parasite – free, and also a test for parrot fever, also known as, psittacosis. Parrot Fever or psittacosis is a bacterial illness that could be carried by a bird without any signs of illness. This is transmissible to humans which is why it's

important that your budgie gets tested for it regardless of where you acquire them, especially if you got them from an unknown source. Another test is a general blood test and a vet exam just to ensure if the bird is truly healthy. This is why getting a pet is better if you go to a parrot rescue.

Birds of the Same Feather

Unlike other birds that are highly individual, Budgerigars love to be in flocks when they're in the wild or even in captivity. It'll be easy to train them to like other parrots, though sometimes they can be a bit witty. Experts also suggest that the best behaved Budgerigars are those who were exposed to lots of change in the environment and the ones who were trained to socialize with people and pets because they become more adjusted.

BUDGIE KEEPER'S TIPS



Since budgies are small, they are relatively cheap to care for. But contrary to popular belief, a bird's diet doesn't just involve seeds. In fact, it's not healthy for a bird of any kind to just eat seeds. Check out more about these budgie tips below:

Budgie Tip #1

Smaller species like the budgies will definitely have some health issues in the long run. This is why most vet experts recommend that a bird diet should include not only seeds but also leafy veggies, fresh fruits and pellets. Seeds should still be a part of their diet but make sure that your bird will also get enough nutrients from other food source.

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Budgie Birds

Are budgerigar birds the right parakeet for you? Let's find out!



Ideal First Pets

You can train them to mimic human speech. However, keeping a budgie aren't all fun and games but they are definitely charming pets to keep and they are ideal as a first pet.



Size and Length

Budgie birds have an average length of around 7 to 8 inches from their beaks up to the tip of their tails. Wild budgies that are ranging in Australia, which is their native habitat, are much smaller than captive budgies.



Popular Choice

A budgie bird is one of the most popular pets to keep today, ranking just behind common household pets like cats and dogs. Budgies or budgerigars are cute and affectionate birds that are low-maintenance.



Friendly Parrots

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A Natural Speaker

They have the natural ability to speak with much greater clarity, and can also learn more vocabularies than your average parrots. They can speak more clearly than Cockatoos and Macaws.

Budgie Tip #2

According to experts, an important thing to consider, especially for keepers who have young kids, is that budgies could be stressed out by the quick movements and rough handling of young children. Budgies make great companions if you know how to handle them right, which is why it's best to supervise your kids whenever they're interacting with your pet bird. You should also teach your kids on how to hold them so that the bird won't get stressed out.

Budgie Tip #3

When it comes to allowing your budgie to fly, this will depend on your living situation. It's great if you can let your budgie fly around the house or in the aviary but make sure that they don't get into trouble. You have to close the windows and doors, or holes that they can sneak out from. You also need to make sure that there are no dangerous



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stuff lying around that can injure them. And above all, make sure that your other household pets aren't around. If you want to free them out of the cage, but you prefer to not let them fly around, you can clip their wings. Trimming their wings particularly the 5 outermost feathers will prevent them from taking off.

Budgie Tip #4

Keep in mind though that wing clipping is just temporary because the feathers will grow back in just a couple of months. If you decide to trim your budgie's wings, make sure to consult an avian vet first and let them do it for you.

Budgie Tip #5

It is also best to socialize your Budgerigar while they are still young, because they are still vulnerable and can be very accepting of other members once they get used to it. As a general rule, you can introduce other types of birds but do so with caution so that they could easily warm up with their new feathered friends.

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About

A life-long animal lover, Lolly Brown is equally comfortable writing about exotic creatures like the Mexican axolotl or dispensing practical advice to dog owners about kennel cough.

As a child, Brown first learned about fish and aquaria when her father brought home a 10-gallon aquarium as a surprise for his daughter. Within months, the father-daughter team graduated to a 120-gallon tank and were immersed in the intricacies of tank population management.

"We had that go-big-or-go-home mentality common to the hobby," Brown said. "Now I look back and think about what we did to Mama's living room! She was very patient with us."

Brown's fascination with animals continued in college, where she took numerous field biology and wildlife classes that allowed her to view the behavior of many species in their native habitats.

She calls this period of her life the "rodent years," since her only apartment roommates were two hamsters, Hemingway and Leo (Tolstoy). "I also adopted a Guinea pig purely because I couldn't stand the conditions in the pet store," she said. "Trust me, I was in no way prepared to care for Molly and I had to learn fast!"

"The only other time I went into a pet adoption blind," Brown added, "I came home with two green anole lizards. Then I found out I was going to have to feed them live crickets."

While volunteering at her local zoo, Brown first encountered capybaras, a South American mammal that looks like an over-sized Guinea pig. The experience sparked her interest in exotic pets, a subject she continues to pursue with avid interest.

A freelance writer by trade, Brown's animal books are written for her own pleasure and the edification of her readers. She is a strong supporter of animal rescue and welfare organizations, and works with programs educating young children about the proper care of pets.

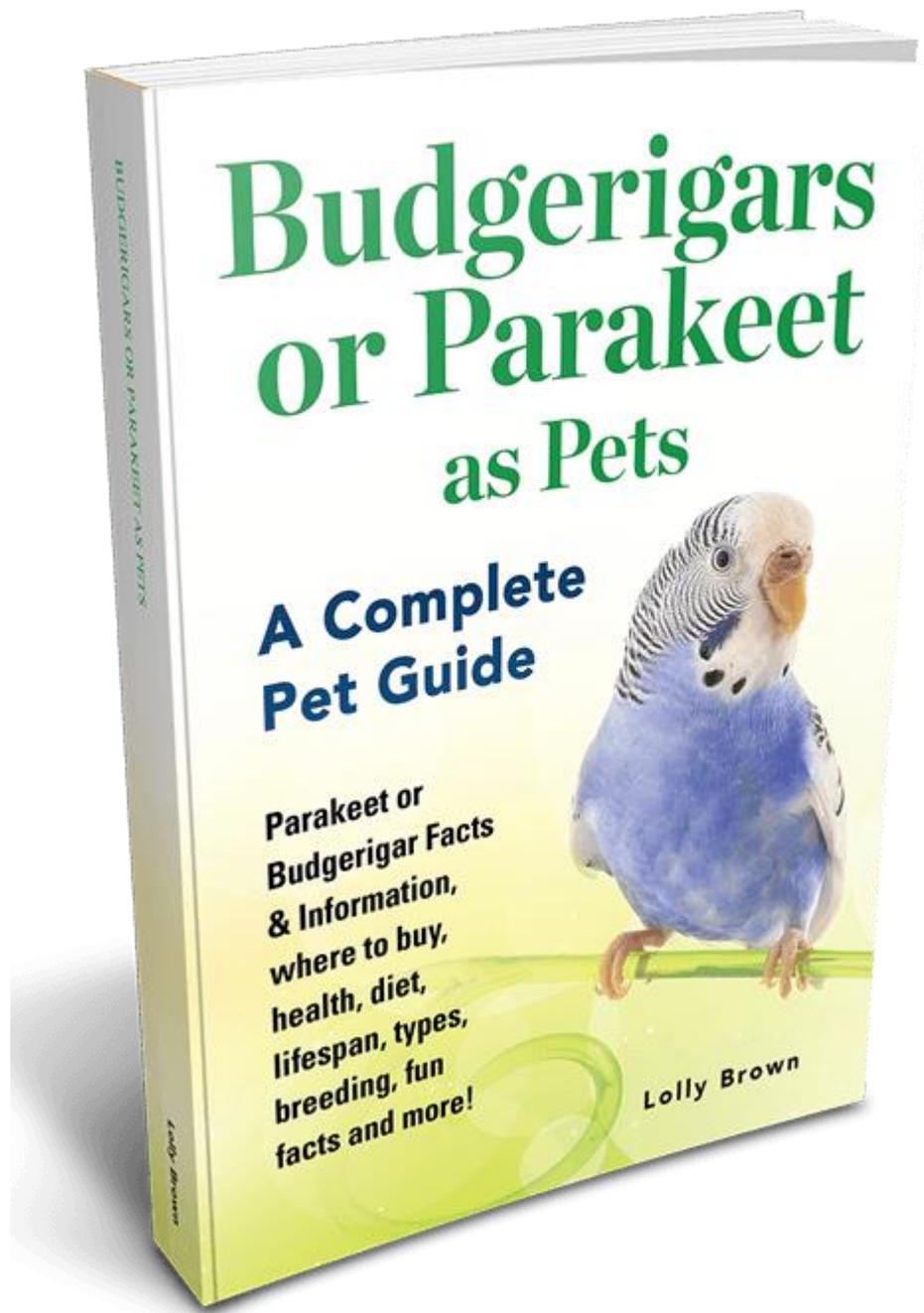
Brown maintains something of a menagerie of her own, making room in her home for a 180-gallon saltwater fish tank, a 20-year old Scarlet Macaw, a Golden Retriever, and several highly tolerant cats. (She advises that good cages make good multi-species homes.)

"If I become interested in a particular animal and have no direct experience with the creature, I get some before I start to write," Brown says. "All animals have a unique perspective on the world and their place in it. They all have particular needs -- physical and emotional -- and they all have unique personalities. These are things I want to understand before I try to communicate them to my readers."



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