

Parrots



Know what your parrot needs.



FOOD AND WATER

- Find out what type of food, how often and how much your parrot eats. Your bird will only be able to eat certain foods, and may need other substances, such as grit, in his/her diet to help digest food.
- Make sure your parrot has access to fresh, clean water. Find out about the best type of water container and where it should be positioned.



A GOOD HOME

- Make sure you know how much living space your species of parrot needs as well as what type of natural perches and nest boxes. It is illegal to keep your bird in a cage so small it can't stretch its wings.
- Get advice on where to keep your bird and how to provide protection from extremes of temperature, draughts, predators, and disease and prevent him/her from escaping.



COMPANY

- Make sure you know how much companionship your parrot will need and whether he/she should be kept in a pair, or in a group or be able to live with other types of birds.



TO BEHAVE NORMALLY

- Find out what your parrot would naturally like to do – some birds like to climb branches, others may need or like a nest box where they can seek refuge.



TO BE HEALTHY

- Get to know your parrot so you can spot the signs if something is wrong – if in doubt, ask your vet and experienced bird keepers for advice.

This is very basic information. Find out more about what your parrot needs. Talk to us on the RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555 or visit: www.rspca.org.uk/petcare

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PARROT CARE

Your parrot deserves the best care possible so make sure you are also prepared to:



- find out how your parrot will change as he/she matures, including changes in size and behaviour, so that you know how best to interact with him/her and provide the right care, environment and companionship
- check that the person who looks after your parrot when you go on holiday knows all about the care needed, including the specialist feeding and how to minimise any disturbance
- accept that some parrots can live for more than 50 years.



Birds in the parrot family include small lovebirds and parrots, which do not grow beyond 12 centimetres, right up to large macaws, which can grow to more than 80 centimetres.

Did you know...

the law that protects pets has changed?
You have a legal responsibility to care for your parrot.

Find out more at: www.rspca.org.uk/petcare or talk to us on the **RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555**

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