



Average Lifespan: 25 years with proper care
Avg adult size: 11-14 inches long head to tip of tail

Think carefully before adopting an animal, it is a lifetime decision!

DIET

- High-quality canary pellets should make up 60-70% of the diet with fresh vegetables, fruits & small amounts of fortified seeds making up the rest.
- Clean, fresh water, always available and changed daily.
- If your cockatiel is eating a seed diet, remember that the bowl will never be empty. Seeds need to be changed daily, as empty husks will always be left in the bowl.
- Avoid treats that have a high sugar or fat content. Never feed chocolate or caffeine. Avocado and fruit seeds are also on the list of things your cockatiel should never eat.
- Discard any fruits and vegetables if they have not been eaten after 24 hours.

BEHAVIOR

- Cockatiels are known for mimicking repetitive sounds.
- They bond easily with their human companions
- Provide foraging toys because this provides important stimulation of a cockatiel's mind.
- Cockatiels should be kept alone if you want the cockatiel to bond with you. Cockatiels kept in pairs will bond to each other.

HABITAT

- Household temperatures are suitable for the cockatiel. Temperature should not exceed 27 degrees Celsius, and it is very important that your cockatiel is never exposed to drafts. Habitat should be off the floor, and in a well-lit room of your home.
- The habitat should be a cage designed specifically for cockatiels. An average size would be 18"Wx18"Dx24"H with metal bars spaced no greater than 1/2" apart. This size habitat would be good for 1 cockatiel. It is best to provide the largest habitat possible.
- You can line the bottom of the habitat with paper or bedding suitable for cockatiels for easier cleaning.
- Never place food and water bowls directly under perches to avoid contamination.
- It is recommended to have perches of different sizes as this will exercise the feet and prevent arthritis.
- The habitat and perches should be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Replace substrate or habitat lining weekly or more often as needed.
- Perches, dishes and toys need to be replaced as they wear out. Toys should be rotated to keep bird interested.
- Ensure that there are no parts or toys with lead or zinc as these can be harmful to your bird.
- Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your bird's health.

GROOMING & HYGIENE

- Provide filtered, chlorine-free, lukewarm water regularly for bathing. Remove water when cockatiel is done. You could also mist your cockatiel with water or a grooming spray.
- Flight feathers should be clipped to avoid escape or injury. Nails should be trimmed as needed.

What you need....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttle Bone/Millet Holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Perches | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality cockatiel food | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Bedding/Lining | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Gym | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttle Bone | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins & Supplements | |