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This brochure contains basic information needed if you are considering obtaining a bird.



Basic Care of Canaries and Finches

Cages: The ideal minimum size should be 24" high x 24" deep x 36" wide. It should contain at least 2 perches. This will house 6-8 canaries or finches depending on variety. Bar spacing should be 1/2". Clean cages and perches at least weekly with vinegar solution. Change papers daily. Wash water dishes before each use and food dishes should be cleaned when soiled.

Water: Clean, filtered, room temperature water must be provided *on a daily basis*. Water soluble vitamins in the water ensures that your birds remain in good health.

Feed: Pre-mixed Canary or Finch seed purchased according to the bird's various species.

Pellets: Excellent addition to a seed diet. Can be mixed in seed or offered in separate dish.

Treats: Spray millet can be fed to Finches on a regular basis however Canaries should only receive it as an occasional treat.

Dried Crushed Red Chili Peppers: The high Vitamin A and C nutrients enhance a bird's overall health.

Supplements: Egg food such as CeDe, wheat germ, hemp seed, Condition Blend or Song Food for Canaries.

Eggs: Important to offer when molting and/or breeding. Boil for 20 minutes and mash white, and yolk, together. Remove from cage after 4 hours.

Fruits and Vegetables: Carrots, cucumbers, broccoli, spinach, kale, romaine, brussel sprouts, bean sprouts, corn on the cob, peas, sprouted mung beans, apples (must remove the seeds as toxic) pears, melon, grapes, bananas, berries, figs, etc. Remove from cage after several hours. *Do not feed* avocado, onions, garlic, apple seeds, fruit pits, chocolate, coffee, salty or high fat foods.

Calcium and Grit: Always have grit (inorganic sands and crushed oyster shells) and cuttlebone available.

Mineral Block: Must always be available.

Bathing: Provide a shallow bowl with clean, warm water at the bottom of their cage daily however remove it when they have finished bathing, so they don't drink from it.

Toys: Add a swing to the cage and a toy or two to alleviate boredom.

Life Expectancy: Canaries can live 10-15 years and some finches as long as 5-15 years.

Additional information:

- ◇ Place cage in indirect light.
- ◇ Avoid drafts from doors, windows and vents.
- ◇ Use un-inked paper to line cages.
- ◇ Do not overheat Teflon pans.
- The fumes are lethal to birds.
- ◇ Also toxic are some scented candles, room deodorizers, diffusers, carpet fresheners and the self cleaning feature on your oven.
- ◇ Avoid exposure to cigarette smoke, vape fumes and bonfire smoke via open windows.
- ◇ Turn off lights or cover the cage at the same time every night.
- ◇ Trim nails on a regular basis avoiding the quick.

