

Quaker Parrot Care Sheet

Because we care !!!



1250 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-723-2666

Your Pets Super Store



Congratulations on your new pet. The Quaker Parrot is a medium sized bird that makes an excellent pet. They are the best talkers out of all mid-sized birds and are relatively inexpensive. The Quaker Parrot is a very inquisitive and intelligent bird. It has a fairly high ability for communication and will need a lot of attention. Owning a Quaker Parrot and knowing how

to properly care for it can be a very rewarding experience. With proper care a Quaker parrot can live 20 years. Quakers are very sweet birds that always want to be around you. They are very loyal to their owners and playful, but can be stubborn as well. They are very entertaining birds. Quakers do best in homes that spend plenty of time with them. You need to realize that these birds need lots of love and attention. Be sure that this bird is what you want before you get one.

HOUSING

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. The cage should be placed off the floor in an area that is well lit and away from drafts and sunny windows. Having one or two sides close to a wall will give them a feeling of security. A cage approximately 24" W x 24" D x 36" H, with metal bars spaced no greater than 1/2" apart, makes a good home for your Quaker. Always select the largest cage you can afford. A variety of perch sizes and materials, such as natural branches and concrete perches allow your bird to exercise its feet, which helps prevent arthritis. A metal grate over the droppings tray will keep the bird from standing in droppings. Line the droppings tray with cage paper or corncob litter for easier cleaning. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches. You will need a food, water and treat dish. Your Quaker will need a variety of toys to entertain itself and relive boredom when in the cage. These birds are intelligent and require lots of mental stimulation. Rotate toys often. Quakers will also enjoy some "chew" toys. They need frequent "out of cage" time to remain stimulated. Be sure the area is safe for the bird, and other family pets are kept separate. Many owners trim their Quakers wings to prevent injury or escape through an open window or door. Creature Comforts offers a clipping service for a minimal fee if you are not comfortable doing so yourself. Quakers sleep in a nest in the wild and will want a sleeping house. Leave the sleeping hut in the cage, even if your bird ignores it or seems fearful of it. Quaker parrots can take a while to adapt to change. Some will ignore a sleeping hut for weeks, then suddenly fall in love with it and sleep in it every night.

DIET

It is very important that you put your bird on a good diet to maintain their health. The base diet should be pellets, such as Roudybush or Zupreem, not seeds. Other foods such as dark green leafy vegetables, grated carrots, raw broccoli, squash, apple slices, breads and grains should also be offered. Variety is always good in a diet. You should not feed too many seeds because they are fattening to birds. Some things you should never feed are caffeine, chocolate, alcohol, avocado, and fruit seeds. These are toxic to all bird species. Food and fresh water needs to be in the cage at all times.

CLEANING

Maintaining cleanliness is essential for your bird's health and well-being. Remove any uneaten fruits and vegetables daily. Wash and dry food and water dishes daily. Fill with food and fresh non-chlorinated water. Once a week, remove the bird to a safe place and wash the cage, perches and toys with Poop Off. Dry the cage thoroughly before returning your bird. Cover the cage bottom with clean cage paper or corn cob litter. If you use a cage cover it should be washed weekly, since it will accumulate feather dust. Replace perches, dishes, and toys when worn or damaged.

HEALTH

Proper diet and a clean environment are the best ways to insure your pet's good health. You will need to keep your bird's wings clipped and their nails trimmed. Almost all Quakers also love baths. Just fill a dish with about an inch of lukewarm water and let your bird take a bath. Try to provide bath water as often as you can, but at least once a week. This will really help their skin and feathers, as well as provide entertainment for your bird. You may occasionally mist the bird with a grooming spray such as Feather Glo. Quakers are naturally intelligent so mental stimulation will help to keep them healthy. Ten to twelve hours of sleep are required for your Quaker to maintain its health. Birds who are not afforded the needed amount of sleep may become depressed, grouchy or even ill. It is very helpful to cover your bird's cage each night, blocking out annoying light that may undermine your pet's sleep. Birds hide the fact that they are not well, often by the time you notice something is wrong they are very sick. If you notice any signs of illness you need to contact your veterinarian right away. Indications of illness would include: beak swelling, fluffed, plucked, or soiled feathers, sitting on floor of the cage, loss of appetite, eye or nasal discharge, red or swollen eyes, wheezing or coughing, runny or discolored stools and favoring one foot.

FERTILITY

Quaker parrots are prolific breeders. A breeding pair will bond more strongly to each other than to their human companion.

CHECK LIST

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cage and cage cover | <input type="checkbox"/> cuttle bone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fortified pellets and seeds | <input type="checkbox"/> bird bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cage paper or corn cob litter | <input type="checkbox"/> play gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> variety of perches and toys | <input type="checkbox"/> nail clippers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food / water dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> styptic gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vitamin supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> treats |