



Birds

Having a pet bird can be very rewarding. Birds can bond very closely to their owners but making sure you care for them correctly is very important. Birds need special individual care to make sure they are happy and healthy.

These are just some of the things you should consider for your pet bird:

Bathing your bird

Birds need to bathe every day to keep their skin and feathers healthy. Discover how your bird prefers to take their bath; some will enjoy being gently sprayed with a spray bottle whilst others may just like to splash around in a small amount of water in your kitchen sink. It's trial and error, but you will soon find what they like best.

Your bird's cage

The bigger cage you can provide for your bird, the better. Your bird should be able to fly around happily between perches in their cage. Small apple tree branches make great perches for your bird's cage.

Make sure your bird's cage is made of a material that you can disinfect and keep clean. You should line the bottom of it with paper so that any droppings can be easily removed. Make sure your bird's head doesn't fit in between the bars of the cage so that they can't hurt themselves.

Keeping your bird entertained

Your pet bird will appreciate having toys in their cage that they can play with, especially ones that they can nibble on or take apart to find food. Birds often get bored of their toys fairly quickly though, so it is a good idea to rotate them every few days to try and prevent this from happening.

Depending on the size of your bird and its cage, your bird may need to come out of its cage regularly to fly around and explore. Make sure all windows and doors are closed before doing this though and close your curtains or blinds to stop your bird flying into the glass and hurting him/herself.

Feeding your pet bird

The different types of pet birds need different diets to keep them fit and healthy so it is always best to contact us at Hillside Vets for individual advice.

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