

welcome
to the family

bird parent

YOUR GUIDE TO COMPLETE CARE



We'll help you navigate the exciting journey into pet parenthood every step of the way. Get started with these helpful tips, shopping checklists, exclusive savings and more!

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ON YOUR FEATHERED FAMILY MEMBER

The perfect blend of beauty and brains, birds are highly intelligent, social animals who make great

companions. Your bird will thrive on a steady routine of plenty of playtime and daily interaction with you.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

When adding a bird to the family, it's helpful to understand the similarities and differences among the various species. You may have had a parakeet in the past, but that doesn't mean living with a cockatiel will be a similar experience!

BIRD'S THE WORD.

Learn a little bit more about the three most common types of pet birds and see what makes yours unique.

PARAKEETS

A popular pick for first-time bird parents, these colorful, social birds can be quieter than some larger species and are sometimes referred to as budgies.

COCKATIELS

Friendly, quirky and bubbling with personality, cockatiels love to whistle and can form a strong bond with human family members through daily interaction.

CONURES

Another popular choice for first-time bird parents, conures are playful, lovable pets who tend to be curious and outgoing. They come in a variety of colors and personalities, making it easy to find the perfect feathered friend to fit your family.



feathering their nest

Below are the basics to get through your first few days smoothly. It's helpful to set up your new pet's habitat BEFORE you bring them home. Petco makes it easy to get what your pet needs. Shop in-store or online at petco.com. You can even get delivery within two hours. See if your neighborhood is part of PetcoNow at instacart.com/petco.

GENERAL BIRD CHECKLIST

Most birds need these items in addition to the ones listed by specific bird type below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat paper or litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Species-appropriate food | <input type="checkbox"/> Play gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail clippers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Styptic powder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and water dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins and supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> Birds should be socialized daily by the pet parent |

PARAKEET

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat (minimum 18"x18"x18") | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat (minimum 24"x24"x30") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perches varying in diameter (minimum 4" long and 3/8" diameter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Perches varying in diameter (minimum 5" long and a half-inch in diameter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttlebone and holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttlebone and holder |

COCKATIEL

CONURE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat (minimum 24"x24"x30") | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral block |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perches varying in diameter (minimum 9" long and a half-inch in diameter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spray bottle for misting |

LARGE HOOKBILL — African grey, Amazon and eclectus parrots

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat (approximately 36"x24"x48") | <input type="checkbox"/> Spray bottle for misting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perches should be at least 9" long and 3/4 to 1" in diameter | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral block |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide foraging toys, which promote important mental stimulation | |

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