

Budgie Care Checklist

Print it, stick it on the fridge and tick the boxes. Free from ThePerruches.com

Every day

- ☐ Fresh, clean water (bowl washed)
- ☐ Refresh food; blow off or remove empty seed hulls
- ☐ Small portion of washed fresh vegetables
- ☐ Look at the bird: bright eyes, active, eating
- ☐ Look at the droppings (colour, shape, amount)
- ☐ Change the cage liner or paper
- ☐ Out-of-cage time in a safe room (1 hour or more)
- ☐ Talk, play or train for 10 to 15 minutes
- ☐ Cover at bedtime: 10 to 12 hours of dark and quiet

Every week

- ☐ Weigh your bird (same time, same scale) and write it down
- ☐ Wash food and water dishes with hot, soapy water
- ☐ Wipe perches, bars and cage tray
- ☐ Rotate or swap one or two toys
- ☐ Offer a bath or a light mist
- ☐ Check feet, beak, nails and feathers
- ☐ Check the cuttlebone and replace if worn
- ☐ Vacuum or wipe around the cage (dust and hulls)

Every month

- ☐ Deep clean the cage and accessories
- ☐ Replace worn perches and damaged toys
- ☐ Check toys for loose threads, rust and small parts
- ☐ Check the room thermometer and drafts
- ☐ Check food supply and the "best before" date
- ☐ Check the first-aid kit (styptic powder, gauze)

Every year

- ☐ Avian vet check-up
- ☐ Replace the cage cover if worn
- ☐ Review diet: seed, pellets, vegetables
- ☐ Update emergency numbers on the fridge
- ☐ Re-check the room for new hazards

Call an avian vet the same day if you see

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| ☐ Fluffed up and sleepy in the daytime | ☐ Vomiting, or a wet head and neck |
| ☐ Sitting on the cage floor | ☐ Droppings very different from normal |
| ☐ Tail bobbing with every breath, or open-mouth breathing | ☐ Drooping wing, limping or not gripping |
| ☐ Not eating or drinking for a day | ☐ Bleeding, or a hen straining to lay an egg |

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