

# **AFRICAN GREY PARROT**

## **CARE GUIDE**



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## African Grey Parrot

One of the most beautiful and among the easier species of parrot to keep is the African Grey Parrot. Originating from central Africa, they are highly intelligent and known for their exceptional talking and cognitive ability. African Greys are capable of developing a large vocabulary and may be able to communicate well with their owners.

They are a medium-sized parrot growing to be about 10 to 14 inches in length. There are two different types of African Grey parrots. The Congo African Grey is light grey and has a red tail. The Timneh African Grey is a darker charcoal grey with a maroon tail. Typically the males are larger than the females. The males can be 12 to 14 inches in length. Although the appearances of both sexes are the same, Female African Grey parrots normally have a narrower head and a more slender neck.

These parrots also need an owner who can make a long term commitment to them. African Greys have a long lifespan and can live up to 60 years. Because of their high intelligence, African Greys require an owner that is experienced and who can understand their needs. They can easily become bored so, a stimulating and interactive environment is a must. Without their intellectual needs met African Greys might turn their boredom into behavioural problems like feather picking. Since they are such sensitive birds they can also behavioural problems. It's possible that even a small change in their daily routine or in their surroundings can lead an African Grey parrot to become cranky or show signs of self-mutilation. Although they are typically well behaved and a great pet these birds do not come without a few challenges. African Greys that are undisciplined can get into trouble. They might chew wires or bite. They pick up behaviours very quickly so if you inadvertently reinforce bad habits in your African Grey, you can also easily teach them good ones.

African Grey parrots make great pets because they are very social birds. In the wild they will typically flock together. In the care of an owner an African Grey parrot will adopt this new family into their flock. They have been known to cuddle with their owners. Although they don't like intense physical contact they do enjoy petting and head-scratching. Experience African Grey owners will not be put off by their bird's strange signs of affections. Regurgitation for a Grey is a sign of deep affection. They will also try to "kiss" their owners on the mouth. This is not recommended because the human mouth contains bacteria that is dangerous to birds. It is important for their owners to understand these bird's need for a companion. African Grey who becomes lonely may begin to vocalize excessively, pluck their own feathers, or they may start to bite. Because of these tendencies, African Grey parrots may not be good pets for a family who has children. Their beaks are strong and hard. Children may not understand this behaviour. These birds also use their beaks almost as another hand; a way to explore the world.

African Grey parrots are full of personality and human like qualities. Those who are lucky enough to own one are able to see intelligence not equalled in many other animals.

## Parrots: Information

A parrot is one of the most preferred pet birds. There is a fast increase in the trend to own a parrot, because it is considered as a low maintenance companion. Parrots are not only beautiful but also quite intelligent. If you wish to own a parrot, you find valuable information on parrots from various sources including websites, parrot rescue centers, books and magazines. Generally, the parrots are found in most of the warm regions of the world including West Africa, India and Southeast Asia.

Most parrot species also exist in South America, Australia and Central America. Parrots are kept as pets and if you try to find information on parrots, you will notice that macaws, conures, cockatoos, Amazons, lovebirds, African Greys and parakeets are the most popular species of parrots. These parrots have affluent and mixed coloration. Somewhere you can find parrots with cut wings, but most of the people keep big wings parrots. Some of the parrot species including Amazon parrots, macaws, cockatoos and African Grey parrots live very long life up to 80 years.

Many people try to teach their parrots to talk. However, the important thing while training your parrot to talk is to talk to your bird for as much as possible. Instead of repeating only one word frequently, really talk to your parrot for more time. Many parrot experts suggest informing your pet what you are doing. At the same time, you should ask him what he is doing now. If you say hello while entering in his room and good-bye at the time of leaving the room frequently, he also will respond you in the same way. Your parrot cannot start chatting in a day, but with the regular practice of listening, he can try to repeat some of the words you have said to him.

Some parrots prefer making sound effects than using words. Such parrots can sound accurately as the ring of your telephone or like microwave oven beep. The African Grey parrots are very clever birds and they are famous for their wonderful talking skill. There are two main types of African Grey parrots which are Timneh and Congo.

If you try to search information on parrots on the internet, you will find various species of parrots there. Lovebird is one of the major species of the parrots. The lovebirds are attractive and amusing pets. There are about nine lovebird species, but some of them are generally not kept as pets.

Some of the more common South American parrots are macaws, conures, pionus and caigues. The Amazon parrots differ in nature, shape, sound and colour. The macaws are found into two sizes the larger and the smaller. Both the types of birds are brilliant, colourful and humorous. The conures are found in the natural colours and they are very famous as pets.

You can also get valuable information on parrots from the parrot rescue centers. These centers are committed to improve the lives of injured, mistreated and unwanted parrots. Most of the rescue centers provide the suitable atmosphere to the parrots and they train people on matters of diet, accommodation and health care for the betterment of parrots.

## Parrots: For Sale

Many people are fond keeping parrots as pets as they give great pleasure because of their crazy yet interesting activities. The most wonderful thing about the parrots is that they can be taught to talk and perform other activities. If you wish to tame this beautiful bird, you have to first find out the sources where parrots for sale are available.

You can look for parrots for sale at various pet stores, bird marts, aviaries and bird shelters. When you visit these stores and marts, you will come across various breeds and type of parrots such as Lories, parakeets, cockatoos, lovebirds and macaws. You may also find the parrots of different colours such as green, red, white, blue, purple, pink, yellow, brown, and even black. You can select the parrot with size and breed of your choice. You can also get the accessories required for your parrot at these stores and marts.

When you go to the pet store where there are parrots for sale, you should ensure about the reputation of the store. The store workers should have knowledge about the birds. Also confirm that whether the parrot is socialized or not. The birds should not be terrified or frightened. A terrified parrot in the store may be difficult to train and may need special attention. The parrots in pet store should have been provided with fresh food, clean water as well as healthy seed mix. Also check that the cages in the store are not overcrowded with too many birds.

If you visit bird marts, apply same criteria just like pet store. There may be risk of disease as bird mart contains thousands of birds from different breeders. Hence, confirm that the parrot you will buy is free from any disease. Besides this, you can also buy the parrot direct from the breeders. Its main benefit is that you are in direct contact with the person who breeds the bird. Hence, you can check the genetic background of the parrot. You can also know more about that particular species as the breeder generally knows better about the species of parrots they are breeding. Closed aviaries can offer you good varieties of parrots. The birds in closed aviaries are safer as they are less exposed to outside environment.

Abandoned parrots can be a good option for you. Abandoned birds also can be delightful pets, but ensure that the birds are not badly injured because they would need special care and treatment. You can adopt the parrots from the person who is unable to take care of his bird. But, ensure before buying the bird that it is not neglected.

You can also get information about parrots for sale in various books and different websites. While accessing the websites, you will get information about breeds of parrots and tips for parrot care. You can also purchase the accessories for parrots online. There is a catalogue of parrot cages and other accessories along with their brands, material and types on different websites. The material purchased from online shopping is of excellent quality and free from any kind of damage.

## Parrot Breeders

Parrot breeders play extremely important rolls in the lives of the parrots that they raise. They adopt the role of being the parrot's sergeant parents. The way a parrot is raised and how it is handled when it is young directly affect its personality when the parrot is an adult. When looking for a parrot breeder, make sure that you find someone who has a very good reputation. Rescue groups and pet store may be a good place to buy parrots but, when you purchase one from a breeder you are able to receive the bird history and the understanding the way it was raised.

Raising a healthy parrot depends a lot on that particular breeders methods. Feeding the parrots is a huge part of the duties of a parrot breeder. Different types of parrots have different responses to feedings. Breeders are responsible for giving their parrots nutritious and safe food. They are also responsible for weaning the parrot babies before they are sold. Young parrots should be eating fresh produce, warm soft food, pellets and or seeds.

Another important aspect to a bird's life is the ability to fly. Most owners prefer to have their bird's wings clipped. They don't like the idea of their birds flying around their homes possibly breaking things. But baby parrots need to learn how to fly before their wings are clipped. It is in the best interest of the bird to find a breeder who will allow their babies to learn how to fly. They also need to learn how to land and manoeuvre in flight. A parrot's level of socialization and their emotional health depends a great deal upon the care it receives early in its life time from the breeder. Potential buyers can ask breeders how they socialize the baby birds they are selling.

Most parrot breeders are responsible and caring individuals who love the breed and being apart of a parrot's life at such a crucial time. But some breeders are just in it to make money. As a buyer you need to be aware of who you should do business with and who you should stay away from. Shipping birds in certain ways through certain companies is illegal. It is also important for a breeder to introduce bathing to their birds at an early age. The best time to introduce bathing is when the baby is partially feathered. Potential owners need to ask their breeders questions. Breeders should allow buyers to view their aviaries. Contract for this very important business transaction is a must. Good breeders will also be available after the purchase to answer questions and give support to new owners. Some parrot species can live between 60 and 100 years old. They are a huge commitment and are worth the effort you put into finding the right kind of breeder.

Some parrot breeders are more knowledgeable then pet store owners and continue to breed parrots for the love of the breed. If you choose to buy a parrot through a breeder you will have a better chance of purchasing a well-adjusted, happy, and more importantly healthy bird that will last a lifetime.

## Parrot Care

Attracted to their magnificent colours, their adoring personalities, and their high intelligence, people have been drawn to adopt parrots into their lives for generations. Caring for these birds in a home environment does involve a few challenges but, with proper care, parrots make wonderful pets.

Different species of parrots require different care but, for all parrots, proper nutrition is vital in maintaining a good quality of life. Most parrot diets are very similar. In general, parrot diets consist of fresh fruits and vegetables, parrot pellets, and a high quality of vitamin enriched parrot seed mix. Owners also need to change their parrot's water every day.

Although birds are typically considered a "dirty" pet to own, it is very important to keep parrots' cages clean. Perches, dishes and other surfaces of the cage should be cleaned daily with water and mild soap. Cleaning products like ammonia, mould and mildew cleaner, and bleach can irritate or burn a parrot's skin, eyes and respiratory tract. The bird's cages themselves also need to be inspected for unsafe situations like sharp points in the metal. Cleanliness is also important when it comes to handling your parrot. Owners need to wash their hands frequently when they are working with birds, handling their dishes, and preparing their meals in order to prevent bacterial infections. Human saliva also contains bacteria that are harmful to parrots so owners should never allow their birds to place its beak in their owner's mouths or noses. The size of the cage is vital to a parrot's well-being. The parrot should be able to spread its wings within its cage. There should also be room enough to hand two to four safe parrot toys.

Parrots have the capability of forming very strong bonds with their human owners. In general, smaller parrots can have a lifespan of 15 to 30 years and larger parrots can live between 40 to 50 years. Owning a parrot is a lifelong commitment. Socialization is vital in maintaining a high quality of life for parrots. Their cage should be placed in an area where the families spend a lot of their time and are able to interact with the bird. The kitchen does not make an ideal spot for the cage because of the risk of toxic chemicals while cooking and other dangers.

When most people think about parrot care they don't consider grooming. Parrots do require a decent amount of grooming throughout their entire lives. Their nails and beaks never stop growing. These can be clipped every three to four weeks. Overgrown nails can get caught on perches or toys. Most bird owners also have their birds wings clipped every few weeks to prevent flight. In the wild, parrots take rain showers to keep their feathers in good condition. Owners can bath or mist their parrots daily with clean, fresh water using a water bottle.

Parrots are playful, affectionate, and super smart. Owners need to understand the extreme importance of their needs and how to meet each one. With proper care parrots will thrive in a home environment.

Parrots are really fun creatures and can make really good pets. You will be surprised at the variety of parrots available at pet stores. Keeping a parrot is an ideal option if you don't have much space to spare in your house for large pets. Parrots are sensitive and intelligent birds and if you want to keep a parrot as a pet, you should try to know about all parrots care facts.

Many helpful resources can inform you about parrots care facts. If you refer any book or website on parrots, you will find that fruits and vegetables are healthy foods for parrots. You can feed any fruit to your pet, but the most preferred fruits to the parrots are apple, banana, strawberry, melon, cherry, blackberry, pear, grapes, apricot and mangoes. All the fruits are filled with nutritional values.

If you read any book on parrot care, you will notice that many veterinarians suggest providing vegetables to the parrot. Many people provide boiled or dry roasted potatoes to their parrots, but a potato is not healthy for a parrot. The most nutritious vegetables for a parrot are spinach, kale, cauliflower, cabbage, and pumpkins. You can also feed your parrot the butter beans, baked beans, green beans with wheat or brown rice.

Sometimes your parrot may suffer from any injury or disease; therefore, every parrot owner should be always aware of parrots care facts. Natural yoghurt sugared with fresh fruits is a very nice and tasty food for your parrot. It is always helpful if your pet is suffering from any bacterial infections. This food helps the parrot to recover the best conditions. Hard cheese and low fats also can be the helpful sources of proteins and oils for the parrots if they are provided with care.

Once you get familiar with parrots care facts, you can easily identify the usual behaviours and attitudes as well as symptoms of illness in your parrot. Your home should be bird proof. It is very essential to protect your parrot from diseased birds and bacterial infections. The cage of your pet should be safe and clean and the bird should not run away from it.

A parrot owner should always keep a contact number of the nearest avian veterinarian. Usual veterinary check-ups can help your parrot to be safe from illness and diseases. If you have any doubt regarding the health of your parrot, immediately contact the nearest avian veterinarian.

Applying some of the simple parrots care facts, you can keep your bird always healthy and strong. The best way to save your pet from any health problem is to provide fresh and pure water regularly to him. The seed tray of the parrot should be always clean. Always provide cuttlefish bones or similar source of calcium to the parrot. Try to provide fresh fruits and vegetables up to half of the total diet. Dairy products such as cheese is not suitable food for the parrots, so do not provide the dairy products to your pet.

## Parrot Diet

Parrots come in many different sizes and species but one thing remains the same for all of them; feeding parrots a healthy diet can help them to live longer and a better quality of life.

At this point in the scientific community, there is not enough research to assess the type of diets that parrots sustain for a long period of time in the wild. Experts do not agree on the perfect diet to follow for pet parrots. But, they do agree that a purely seed diet is not healthy for the majority of parrots. The fact that some parrots do well on a diet based on seeds is a tribute to how hardy parrots are rather than the fact that the diet is balanced. Seeds are deficient in many nutrients like vitamin A and calcium. They are also too high in fat. In the world of parrot, seeds should only make up about ten percent of their diet. In natural seed eaters like budgies and cockatiels can tolerate about twenty-five percent of seeds in their diets.

Pellet foods are made from a variety of foods including grains, seeds, vegetables, fruits plus vitamins and minerals. They provide a nutritious and balanced diet. However, parrots may get bored with eating the same thing all of the time. These are birds that crave stimulation. Pellet food can make up the base of a parrot diet consisting of about fifty to sixty percent.

Parrot owners should offer their birds fresh fruits and vegetables as well. These can be offered to parrots chopped or in large chunks for large birds to hold and gnaw on. To provide the parrot with stimulation owners can hang pieces on the side of the cage. It is best for owners to aim to feed their birds as big of a variety as possible. This way their parrots can receive a well-rounded variety of nutrition. Some good vegetables to offer parrots are carrots, eggplant, cucumber, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, cauliflower, sweet peppers, etc. Parrots love fruits but it is food to try to feed them a variety of more tropical fruits that they might have been exposed to in the wild. Some of these types of fruits are mangos, kiwi, melons, pineapple, papaya, or pomegranates. Parrots also enjoy fruits like peaches, cherries, grapes, apples, oranges, or bananas. When owners are feeding their parrots these fruits they have to make sure they do not eat the pits of the fruit or the apple seeds because they can be toxic. A few other foods are toxic to parrots like avocado, guacamole, chocolate or cocoa, alcohol, caffeine, and mushrooms. Parrots should also not have foods that contain a large amount of salt, sugar, grease, preservatives, food colouring, and other additives.

Grains such as cooked brown rice, oats, barley, wheat, and pasta are also a good source of nutrients for parrots. Some parrot owners also feed their birds whole wheat breads or unsweetened whole wheat cereals.

Because parrots are such sensitive birds their owners have to take a lot of consideration into the diet that they are providing. Most problems with parrots stem from malnutrition. Responsible owners understand the importance of parrot diets and are willing to undertake all of their bird's nutritional needs.

## Parrots: Health Problems

There are many species of parrots including conures, macaws, Amazons, cockatoos, lovebirds, African Greys and parakeets. The parrots are found in the hot areas of the world like India, Southeast Asia and West Africa. If you have a pet, you should be always aware of parrot health problems to save him from any disease. Anytime you decide to opt for a parrot, consult a veterinary doctor to find out about the sensitive metabolism of this bird.

Like other birds, the parrots also suffer from various diseases and health problems. Parrot health problems are easily noticeable. Quaker parrots are the strongest parrots, but like other birds, they also face some health problems. The most common parrot health problems that the Quaker pets face are fatty liver disease and feather plucking. If you want to prevent your pet from these problems, provide them perfect diet, proper exercises and make their entertainment at several occasions. It will help your pet to stay healthy and away from these problems.

Some parrots suffer from splay-legged disease. In this disease, the legs of the parrots are attached out to the sides more than they should be. They cannot stand on their own feet, because they are not straight. If your parrot is splay legged and unable to walk, it needs a special treatment and a particularly tailored cage for him. In such conditions, your parrot requires kind care and comfortable home to take rest.

If your pet is suffering from any parrot health problems, it is necessary to protect it from several things including humidity, heat, nutrition, fluids, and level of activity. Apart from that, your pet can get food poisoning as many people suffer from it. The similar safety measures should be used for the parrots as generally people use while preparing their own food. Provide fresh and clean food and fruits to your parrot. Many veterinarians suggest to not to cut up parrot fruits and veggies on the same cutting board where you cut chicken and other meats. Use clean cutting board to cut veggies and fruits for your pet.

You can also use fruit/vegetable cleaner to clean the fruits. It helps to remove pesticide residues and bacteria from fruits and vegetables. If you have, any doubt that a food is bad and it does not smell right, immediately throw it away from your parrot. Because any of the bacteria that pollute foods and cause disease in humans can cause sickness in parrots also. You should wash all the fruits carefully before cutting into them.

Enterobacteriaceae is one of the most common parrot health problems. Dirty water can cause bacterial infection to your parrot. In order to prevent your parrot from bacterial diseases provide him fresh and pure water. Psittacosis is another major disease, which is found in many birds including parrots. This disease can be spread from birds to humans and lead to cough, diarrhoea or high fever.

## Parrots: Training

Parrots are one of the most charming pet birds. They are relatively easy to feed and maintain. The interesting thing about the parrots is that you can train them to talk. A parrot can be taught many skills. However, training parrots is a time-consuming process and you have to keep a lot of patience.

Parrots are intelligent birds and they have good ability to mimic human speech accurately. Training parrots depends on type of a parrot. Some species can learn to talk more rapidly than others. African Grey parrots are well-known for having a vocabulary of about 2,000 words. Some other species such as parakeets can hardly utter a word after a prolonged training. Ability of learning to talk may vary from parrot to parrot.

It is better to start training parrots as early as possible. Once your parrot has been tamed, you can start training him. It should ideally start the training when your parrot is young so that it may grasp words sooner. You should be kind, gentle and patient so that your parrot would be comfortable with you. During first few days of training, don't expect your parrot to be too friendly. Give enough time to your bird to settle down and then start training him.

Training parrots to talk can be done deliberately or casually. Parrots generally tend to mimic common phrases that they hear inside the home without any training. But, if you wish that your parrot should be able to talk more, then you need to train him properly. You should conduct a couple of 15 minutes sessions every day. Start with some simple words such as 'hello' or 'how are you?' you should repeat these phrases several times at first. Once you get some response from your parrot, appreciate him and offer him a treat of his favourite food. Patting on his head or simple praise or a play session with his favourite toy can motivate him to learn more and more.

It may require about two weeks or longer even for a talented bird to learn, hence don't be disappointed and don't give up your efforts. Several weeks or even months may be required to train less talented parrots. Don't get panic and ignore the wrong doings of your parrot instead of punishing him. Your training sessions should be of short duration and about 10-20 minutes and they should be performed 2-3 times a day on regular basis. The first word or phrase often takes a long time to learn, but the parrot can learn subsequent words very quickly. Once your parrot has the first couple of words, he may quickly pick up new words within only 2-3 training sessions. You can also teach your parrot to whistle some catchy tunes. You can also use CDs and cassettes to train the parrot. But, avoid their overuse as they can be monotonous.

Training parrots is quite interesting and it will help to strengthen the bond between you and your parrot. Once your parrot is trained, you will truly enjoy the company of your beloved parrot. It is a matter of pride for you that your parrot can talk and greet your guests.

## Parrot Tricks

Parrots are amazing and smart birds. They have been tested for their intellectual abilities and have been proven to have the intelligence level of a small child. For some, part of the fun of owning a parrot is to teach it tricks. But, teaching a parrot tricks is not just for entertainment purposes. Training a parrot will create a better behaved and more sociable bird and may solve some behavioural problems.

When teaching a parrot owners need to keep the training sessions short. They do not want to tire the parrot out and cause the session to be a negative experience for the bird. Owners also keep their training sessions positive and do not start a training session until they are both ready. Training in a quiet and a room free of distractions will only increase the chances of success. Another good tip is to make sure that the room is well lit and that your parrot is comfortable in that room. Owners need to be stress free when starting to train parrots. Not having enough patience with the parrot will affect the way the parrot learns.

An easy trick that most parrot owners start with is teaching their parrots how to “step up”. This is an extremely useful trick that will be used most often and throughout the bird’s lifetime. It is the simple act of asking the parrot to step onto the object that is in front of it. This act can simply be done by placing one’s fingers in front of the bird’s feet and asking them in a calm soothing voice to “step up”. Use a forearm for larger birds. Owners can use a piece of food to entice the parrot to move forward. When the act is completed, the food is given as a reward.

Another trick that people like to teach their parrots is to “turn around”. As the parrot is standing on its perch offer it a piece of food. As it reaches for it move one’s hand slowly to its back so that the bird has to turn its head around to see the food. Owners have to coax some birds to do a full turn while other birds immediately turn themselves around on the perch. Once the parrot has completed a full turn, the food reward is given to it.

Teaching a parrot to speak can solve the problem of the bird being too vocal with its screeching. Some birds have learned how to get attention this way. By teaching a parrot a word owners can enjoy their vocalization more. Owners need to start with only one simple word that contains only one or two syllables. Most people start with the word “hello”. Owners will repeat the word slowly to the parrot several times until the parrot makes a sound it response. Once the parrot responds, owners give it a food reward. The first sound it makes may not be the word that the owners are trying to teach it. But, they idea is to get the bird to respond to a human voice. Owners repeat this drill several times until the parrot begins to mimic the word.

## Parrots: Supplies

Parrots are enjoyable and interesting pets as they can be great companions. There are about three hundred and twenty eight species of parrots on the earth including Lorries, parakeets, cockatoos, lovebirds and macaws. Most of the parrots are mainly green in colour particularly the ones from South America. However, parrots also come in various colours like green, red, white, blue, purple, pink, yellow, brown, and even black. Most fascinating thing about the parrots is that you can teach them to talk. When you decide to make this beautiful bird a part of your family, you have to make correct choice of parrots supplies.

Parrot supplies include parrot cages, parrot toys, perches and bowls. The cage is a home of your beloved parrot. Hence, selection of cage for your parrot is the most important thing. It is better to choose a big size bird house. The cage should be spacious and safe. The cage made from stainless steel is always better for your parrot as it never gets rusted or cause metal poisoning. The floor of the cage should be covered with shavings, peat, sand or newspaper which should be changed daily. Parrot's cage should contain wooden climbing frames as well as cotton ropes for offering climbing opportunities. Various types of parrot cages can be obtained at pet stores and bird marts.

Parrot cages should also contain some exercise areas including ladders, swings, steps and toys. The feeder cups should be made from ceramic, steel or reinforced plastic. The bowls should be daily cleaned. Perches are also among the essential parrot supplies. The cage should also consist of at least three different perches made from hardwood, rope and cement. They play a role in saving your parrot from the foot sores. Natural wood perches can effectively do this, as they naturally are of various widths and are covered with dips and bumps.

Selecting toys for your parrot is an interesting and challenging task. The parrot toys are available in various sizes. It is very important to buy the toys of appropriate size. If you buy the toys of wrong size, toes or feet of your parrot can be badly injured. You can select the parrot toys made from acrylic or wood. These toys can entertain and stimulate your bird. You can also purchase parrot food items such as multi-vitamin drops, mixed millets, cuttlefish which is necessary for your parrot.

You can get these essential parrot supplies at pet stores and bird marts. The accessories for parrots available at these stores are of good quality. Internet is one of the best sources to get the information about the accessories for parrots. You can purchase these accessories online. There is a catalogue of parrot cages and other accessories along with their brands, material and types on different websites. You can select appropriate item for your bird. The material purchased from online shopping is of excellent quality and free from any kind of damage. You can also get the information about breeds of parrots and tips for parrot care.

## Breeding Parrots

A parrot is one of the most favourite birds all over the world. Many people prefer keeping a parrot, because it can be maintained by making fewer expenses. Many types of parrots are available in pet stores including Amazon parrots, conures, pionus, African Grey parrots and lovebirds. The most interesting thing about a parrot is that you can train them to talk with you. Some parrots prefer to make sound effects than using words. If you want to make your parrot breeding, here is some information on breeding parrots.

Many people make mistakes when they start breeding parrots for the first time due to the lack of experience and helpful resources. If you do not know about parrot breeding or which is the ideal time for it, you can get valuable information from the internet on it. You can also contact to the other breeders to know about parrot breeding.

Like other birds, the parrots also prefer privacy, therefore, let them go out of the cage and do what they have to do. Do not put them in a small cage, always try to provide larger cage where they can feel comfortable. If you put them in a small cage, your parrots can get to fat due to lack of exercises and their eggs can become infertile.

During the breeding season, the male generally tries to drive the hen away from any human. He thinks that a human being is a threat for his female and he considers that you are trying to harm or take away his mate. Mating season is the time when you should be always cautious. During this season, all the breeding pairs become terribly violent towards humans.

The African Grey's do not have a particular breeding season. They can laze at any season of the year. You can easily control them if the weather is more positive for the endurance of cheeks and less arduous for the parents. The mild and dry weather is the perfect period to make them to lie. If you have a pair of African Grey's, and you want to make them breed, provide them sufficient food and atmosphere for it. It will make easy breeding parrots easy. Most birds have a breeding season and it is a time connected with the food accessibility for the young birds.

If the parrots do not find sufficient food anywhere, they never waste their time on egg laying. Therefore, a complete nourishment of your pets is very important. You can provide them essential nutrients by sprinkling vitamin and mineral powder on the vegetables.

Generally, November, December, January and February are considered as cold wet months and raising chicks during these months can be tricky. Therefore, provide fruits and feed seed daily in these months. The mixture of fruits and feed seed is the best nutrition for the birds and it helps them to be recovering from breeding and to stay alive in the harsh winter. In this way, with the help of the helpful resources for parrot care and some experts, you can arrange breeding parrot's activities.

## Wild Parrots

One thing you may have noticed about parrots is that they are quite curious as well as intelligent. A person sitting in front of a parrot will forget all his or her worries because of the funny antics of parrots. Parrots can easily imitate a human voice. That is why parrots are the most popular birds. You only often find parrots in your neighbourhood. As parrots are extremely intelligent, hence training these parrots becomes a simple task. You can teach them a lot of tricks. As parrots have a high grasping power, solving puzzles is no big deal for them. You can also teach them to lift light objects.

Wild parrots are one of the several species of parrots. They are generally red and green in colour. They have their own set of sounds that is shared in common. This common language helps them to communicate with each other. As wild parrots grow, they learn this “language” and pass this tradition from one generation to another. Wild parrots are generally found in Amazon forests in large number. If you have not seen wild parrots then you are indeed unfortunate. Wild parrots are simply marvellous

If you want see some beautiful photos and videos of some rare wild parrots, and then you need to look some websites that provide information about wild parrots. Using google search engine finding such websites becomes an easy job. On these videos you will see wild parrots living in their native habitat. These videos are awesome and you must watch them. These videos provide great footage of these wild parrots. Essence of wild parrots is captured on these videos. These videos are indeed an outstanding product that you would love to watch. These videos are educational and provide great narration.

Many biologists have studied wild parrots as individuals, who perform their daily chores. Just like humans, wild parrots explore their environment before building a nest. Caring for the young parrots with an intelligence that is not dissimilar to humans is what makes them different from other birds.

Wild parrots can accurately learn whatever you teach them. When they are just 2 months old, they come out of their nest. An astonishing thing is that a two month old will parrot starts practicing vocal patterns, which helps them to socialize with other birds of their species. This leaning ability at such a small age is indeed remarkable.

Due to their increasing popularity, wild parrots are smuggled illegally in various parrots. Studies have shown that the population of wild parrots is increasing. They are being poached illegally. Steps are being taken to stop these illegal activities. Languages of these parrots will help you to determine the place of all these illegal activities. It is our responsibility to protect these rare birds.

If you ever visit the Amazon forests, you would love them to see as they live, love, laugh and grow. If you make friendship with these birds, you will find a new meaning to your life

## Parrots: Cockatoos

Parrots are said to be very intelligent birds. If trained properly they can even solve a puzzle. Cockatoo's parrots are one of the many species of parrots. Native place of Cockatoos is Australia. They are near cousins of magnificent Macaws. These parrots have a long life that can go up to a 100 years. These parrots have sizes that can range from 11 inches to 29 inches

Cockatoo's parrots are extremely beautiful birds. These are the most unusual parrots because they sometimes act more like a dog rather than a bird. These parrots will definitely touch your heart. You will be compelled to buy a cockatoos parrot and take it home. The liquid eyes of these birds are like black pools that are always inquisitive to know about each and everything. Baby cockatoos are really sweet too. When they look at you, they observe your facial expressions very carefully. If you look into their eyes, you feel as if you are looking right into their souls. Generally cockatoos are white or pink in colour.

Cockatoo's parrots possess a bald spot on top of their head. An erectile crest covers the bald spot. Feathers of cockatoos are coated with powder that acts as a protective covering. The powder also gives a silky texture to the feathers.

Male cockatoos have black or dark brown eyes while female cockatoos are light or burgundy brown. Cockatoos are affectionate, intelligent and acrobatic. These parrots have exceptional vocal abilities. Hence imitating a human voice is not a difficult job for these birds. They are also dedicated chewers. Hence these parrot species are purchased by many bird lovers. If you bring them in your home, they will surely entertain you. Although these birds can talk, they are good at learning tricks. They are natural puzzle solvers and born escape artists.

If you want to eat nuts but are unable to open them then take the help of cockatoo's parrots. Their powerful beaks can open most nuts. Hardest of woods can also be easily destroyed. These birds generally flock together and share a great bonding with their owners.

So if you get bored sitting in your house then just make these cockatoos parrots as your pets. Your boredom will vanish for ever. These species require most affection and attention. You have to spend a lot of time them. You simply cannot ignore these birds.

These birds are very social. Hence, owners should spend some quality time with them every day. Their craving for attention and natural curiosity makes these birds ideal family pets. Hence it is rightly said that owing a cockatoo is a rewarding and a wonderful experience.

The various subspecies of cockatoos are palm cockatoos, moluccan cockatoos and umbrella cockatoos. Palm cockatoos are very large, hence require a big cage. As far as bathing of cockatoos parrots is concerned, you can shower. There are a number of methods to shower these birds. Proper caring of these birds involves frequent showering. So if your pet cockatoo to remain healthy and happy then showering is essential.

## Yellow Headed Amazon Parrots

Originally from the coastal regions of Mexico the Yellow headed Amazon parrots have become popular pets partly because of their attractive markings. These birds are predominantly green with a striking yellow head and a red patch on each wing. They can also be found south of Mexico in Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras. Although they prefer habitats like tropical or subtropical forests, savannahs, mangrove swamps, or cultivated land where trees are available for nesting, Yellow headed Amazon parrots are now considered rare and on the endangered list because of poaching and illegal trade and because of deforestation resulting in the loss of their nesting habitat.

Captive bred Yellow headed Amazons are widely available as pets but can be somewhat expensive. They are an extremely popular parrot species to own because of their vocal abilities. They are a close second to the African Grey parrot which is considered the best talker in the parrot world. Although all Amazons are capable of talking not all do. Their talking ability varies with each bird. Some birds are excellent talkers while other may never talk. Yellow headed Amazon parrots are extremely intelligent, funny, and active birds. They like to receive attention and do so by sometimes being loud and playful. They are said to be the loudest of all the Amazon parrots. But, it is possible to replace screeching with human speech with a little bit of training. Because Yellow headed Amazon parrots are active they thrive in an environment that allows them to fly and move around. An aviary is a great enclosure but they can also adjust to indoor cages as long as sufficient daily exercise is offered by their owner. These parrots are also easily tamed and trained. But, like most large parrot species, Yellow headed Amazons can be destructive. Owners need to provide their birds with plenty of chewing toys and braches.

These parrots can grow to the average length of fifteen inches although females are slightly smaller than males. Yellow headed Amazon parrots have a stout, hooked beak that is not only used for cracking the hard shells of seeds and nuts but also for grasping, exploring, and climbing. They also use their feet to climb and it is almost like another hand for them. Amazons have two toes pointing forwards and two toes pointing backwards which make them perfect for grasping. They will use their feet to hold food while eating.

In the wild Yellow headed Amazons eat a variety of fruits, berries, nuts, blossoms, and leaf buds. They have also been known to raid agricultural crops like maize. When living in a home environment with an owner these birds enjoy vegetables, fruit, seeds, nuts, berries, and pellet food. Like all parrots nutrition is very important to their health and their lives.

When considering having one of these beautiful birds as a pet, owners should consider the longevity of their commitment. Yellow headed Amazon parrots can live to be sixty to eighty years old. Although no pet is perfect, these parrots are sure to give their owners hours of entertainment and pleasure.

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