

# cockatoo care sheet



Do not feed fruit seeds, avocados, caffeine or alcohol. Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your birds health.



## habitat

Appropriate size cage. The bird must be able to flap its wings without hitting the sides of the cage. Metal bars and a metal grate over the dropping tray is recommended. Provide the largest habitat possible. Wooden or plastic dowel perches are usually sold with the cage you purchase. A variety of perch widths are good for cockatoos feet. You will need at least three feeding cups. Two are usually sold with the cage. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.



## temperature

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. Keep cage off the floor and avoid drafty areas. Never place cage in direct sunlight. Cover cage at night with an appropriate cover.



## diet

Fresh seed should be provided daily. Pelleted diets are also recommended. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually. Fresh vegetables and fruits such as grated carrots, raw broccoli, apple slices and green leafy vegetables should be given daily. Vegetables and fruit not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded. Birds appreciate a variety in their food. Treats and millet are also recommended.



## water

Provide fresh clean chlorine-free water daily. During warm summer months, your cockatoo will enjoy bathing in a birdbath.

## shopping list

- cage & cage cover
- cage paper or appropriate litter
- seed and/or pellets
- food & water dishes
- treats
- millet
- mineral block
- variety of toys
- variety of perches
- vitamin supplements
- book about cockatoos

## fun facts

### average size

15 to 18 inches long

### average life span

40+ years

### misc. information

cockatoos are lively, affectionate birds

they are quite cuddle and bond very closely with their owners

cockatoos require a lot of play time and attention

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