

“Our Name Says it All”



Introducing New Birds to their Cage/Aviary

Following are the steps to undertake when introducing your new birds to their new home.

- ✓ **Prepare** your cage / aviary.
 - When you take your new birds home it is most important that your birds cage is in a quiet space, away from the activity and traffic of the everyday household. Remember children and music. Choose a position in the house that is away from drafts and breezes, traffic flow, artificial heating and cooling, heavy music, but also choose a position that is interacting with the family.
 - Remember when the light goes off at night time, in the bird's room, it will not be able to be returned on, as this may frighten your birds.
 - Your new birds have to learn about their new surroundings, (the sounds and noises, the direction of the light and where people come and go from, the smells and so on) remember they can be frightened very easily.
 - If you are providing an outdoor aviary for your birds it is best to not release the birds after midday, as they will not have enough time to get to know their new home before sunset and night time. In this instance, set the birds up in a transport cage in a quite and comfortable space until the next morning when they can be let out into the outdoor aviary.
- ✓ **Inside** the bird cage / aviary.
 - Before introducing your new bird to their cage, follow the following steps to set up their cage. Place the food dish and water dish next to a perch, then the shell grit and calcium supplements, then the second or other perches, then the swing. Be careful with the quality of the bird seeds or pellet foods, shell grits, and supplements.
 - Next place some entertainment in the birds cage or aviary, the best selection of toys is great for the birds to check out and play with. Remember to change the selection of entertainment around regularly; this will help your birds to not become bored with the toys.
 - Install a happy hut or nest basket/box, this will allow the birds to have a warm and sheltered spot away to go to.
- ✓ **Regular maintenance** for your birds.
 - Provide fruits and vegetables for your birds, the safest four to provide are: - apple, carrot, sweet corn and silver beet, remember these need to be fresh and crisp and not been sprayed with chemicals.
 - Clean the bird cage/aviary, removing all dropping and refreshing all, without using chemicals.
 - Regular worm prevention and mite and lice prevention are recommended.
 - Never allow anything toxic into or near your birds, and do not spray around the cage/aviary.
- ✓ To release the birds into their new home, if possible place the transport box into the cage, open the door of the transport box and the birds will come out when they are ready, if this is not possible, open the door to the transport box and place it up to the door of the bird cage, the bird will move from the box to the bird cage.
- ✓ If you are going to interact with your birds, leave this until they have time to settle in, this will be at least 48hrs, and then introduce yourself to the birds slowly, this allows your birds to get to know you.
- ✓ Remember to **observe** your birds,
 - How are they interacting in the new environment?
 - Are your birds getting along with the other birds in the cage/aviary?
 - Are they eating?
 - If your birds show any signs of stress, get them help **straight away!**
 - Do not leave it one day, birds are only small animals, they need your help as soon as they show any signs of not being totally happy and healthy.

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Please contact us straight away if they do not arrive home happy and healthy.

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The 13 Commandments of Bird Keeping

Thou Shall Not :-

1. Have too chilly or too hot an environment, just the appropriate temperature
2. Put Harmful Objects into their environment.
3. Bang or Tap on their cage/aviary.
4. Overcrowd the cage/aviary.
5. Give your Bird an outdoor flight or a holiday in the great outdoors.



Thou Shall :-

6. Provide the appropriate safe environment (ie. perches, swing, toys, & nothing harmful)
7. Provide the correct seed/food mix for your particular bird, water, and supplements.
8. Conduct regular cage/aviary changes, removing excess waste from the environment
9. Observe your birds inhabitants, daily
10. Keep the cage/aviary secure
11. Choose compatible cage/aviary inhabitants
12. Provide a broad spectrum medication to settle in
13. Consult with the team at Pets Galore

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