



FACT SHEET - BUDGERIGARS

Bright and chirpy little characters and come in a variety of colours.

They can be kept in aviaries or indoors with enough space to fly. In the wild they live in flocks and like companionship. Budgies can be trained to sit on your finger and even do a few tricks.



Budgerigars Need

- To be able to fly.
- An aviary safe from predators with protection from the cold.
- Wooden perches and nest boxes.
- Companionship from other budgies.
- A daily diet of budgie seed and treats such as lettuce, carrots and apples. Cuttlefish and grit to help with digestion.
- A constant supply of fresh clean water supplied in water bowls off the ground also water for bathing.
- Toys such as bells and mirrors.

Budgerigar Health

- Scaly face is a grey crust which spreads around the beak and other parts of the face. It can be treated with medicine from your vet.
- Overgrown beaks and claws may need to be clipped by a vet.
- Supplying cuttlefish for pecking and rough surfaces such as a sand sheet on the floor or sanded perch cover will help prevent this problem.
- Colds, pneumonia or bronchitis sees a bird huddled on its perch, wheezing and gasping for breath. Seek veterinary advice immediately.
- Feather plucking often indicates boredom. Make sure they have toys to play with and the company of another budgie

Budgerigar Facts

- Their average lifespan is 5 - 10 years
- Females come into season early spring to autumn
- Chicks hatch at intervals after 18 days incubation
- Average Clutch size is 5 - 6 eggs

This is intended as a quick guide only. Further information should be obtained before embarking on keeping this type of pet.