

## Love Bird

Scientific Name: Agapornis

### Brief Description:

Love birds are very popular and affectionate small parrot. They are extremely social and form deep bonds with their owners and are sometimes very cuddly birds. If you have more than one lovebird, they may become more deeply bonded to each other than to you. If you plan to keep only one love bird, keep in mind that the lovebird will do well, but requires lots of social interaction and affection from its human family. It's best to keep love birds in pairs.



**Average Size:** Love Birds are typically five to seven inches in length

**Average Life Span:** Love Birds can live up to fifteen years with appropriate care.

### Handling:

Once you bring your new pet home, It's important to allow your pet to have a few days to adjust to their new surroundings. Start handling slowly, for short periods of time Love Birds can taught basic commands such as "step up" onto your hand and "step down" when putting them back into the their cage.

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### Feeding:

- Three to four teaspoons per a day of pellet or seed-based, fortified love bird diet.
- Be sure to change the food dish daily since the dish will appear full (of empty bird seeds)
- Provide your Love Birds with cuttle bone or a mineral block in your birds cage at all times.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables can be offered as a treat or reward when training.



### Water:

- Should be kept fresh and clean
- Needs to be replaced, sometime, twice a day.
- If required, provide your Love Birds with vitamin supplements, in their water, two or three times per week.

### Enclosure:

- Your bird's cage must be large enough for them to comfortable stretch their wings, climb, and engage in play with their toys.
- As a general rule of thumb, the larger the cage, the better.
- The cage should provide a secure area so that they feel safe.
- Allow your birds out of their cage so they can socialize.
- The enclosure should have sand perches to help keep nails trimmed down
  - Provide toys to help prevent boredom and feather plucking.

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### Maintenance:

- The cage may be lined with gravel paper or corn cob bedding.
- Most cages should be cleaned weekly
  - o Clean all items in the cage such as toys and perches
  - o Ensure water bowls and perches are cleaned
  - o Allow cage furniture to dry before returning your pet
- A mite guard will need to be changed monthly.



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