



CANARY CARE GUIDE





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Canaries are one of the most popular birds, with their happy nature, beautiful colours and their ability to sing, they are the perfect bird for indoors or within a patio or courtyard.

Canaries (especially males) live alone happily. where male/female combinations are the best when housing two or more.

HOUSING

If keeping a Canary on their own, they require a bird cage size of 30cm deep by 30cm high by 60cm wide as the minimum.

If keeping multiple canaries then an aviary will be the ideal enclosure for them.

All birds fly sideways, it is better to have wider cage rather than taller.

Gravel paper is ideal for the floor of a canary cage, not only does it catch the droppings, it is easy to replace and keeps the bird's nails trimmed when he walks on it.

Please provide perches of multiple sizes to allow your birds feet to stay strong, mobile and healthy.

TOYS

Canaries like all bird need to be stimulated in their surroundings. Adding toys where they can pull out paper are popular in addition to adding a nest in which they can build on.

FOOD & WATER

Canaries require a range of nutrients, and seed, the best seed mix is a Canary Mix which can be purchased

from The Happy Pet Place. Canaries also enjoy millet sprays, shell grit and grass seeds.

You can also suplliment their diety with cabbage, broccoli, endives, silverbeet and dandelion.

Note: Avoid lettuce as this can cause diarrhea.

Canaries are known to drink quite a lot and they love baths and will often bath in their drinking water! So you may want to consider adding a bath to their enclosure.

CANARY SONG

Canaries have a lovely song and are quite sort after, males are known for their singing ability. Both male and females have the ability to sing, however, female canaries usually stop singing at approximately 6 months of age, leaving the singing up to the males to serenade their love during courtship.

SEXING

It is very difficult to sex a canary. If your canary sings, then you can be fairly sure it is a male.

At approximately 1 year of age, Canaries become sexually mature, and there are differences to the birds Vent (sexual organ).

The male vent protrudes, whilst the females is flat. you need to hold the bird on their back and blow gently on their feathers, lifting them up to see.

Alternatively you can get a DNA test done.