

COCKATOO CARE SHEET



First 3 days- Give your new bird time to get used to the surroundings without too much handling as they may be stressed. It is important to not stress Cockatoo's as they are susceptible to pathogens during stress as the immune system can drop.

First 5 days- Place sulpha dim, sulfa 3 or sulfa aid in the water for your cocky for the first 7 days especially if your bird is a juvenile. A good precautionary measure this will stop your bird from getting the runs which is often caused by stress which can quickly cause a baby bird to be susceptible to a host of bacterias if your bird becomes dehydrated.

Signs of a healthy Cockatoo

- Active and alert
- Eats and drinks
- clean vent
- clean well groomed feathers
- clear eyes
- beak and feet have a normal appearance

Signs of an un healthy cockatoo

Diet for Cockatoo's

For recently weaned Baby Cockatoo's for the first 3 weeks give them an all you can eat buffet of all foods mentioned below before feeding them the way mentioned below.

A well balanced Diet is essential for the long term health of your birds generally if your Cockatoo is fed properly you should be unlikely to have any health issues as most pet cockatoo problems stem from Diet. Do not fall into the same feeding prison that thousands of cockatoo owners in Australia do and throw out perfectly good feed and replace it with more seed. Your bird will only eat the fattiest seed like sunflower and nothing else.

The best way to feed your Cockatoo is with what I call a dust bowl diet. Aside from water you should have at least 2 bowls one for seed and the other for pellets. Fill one bowl less than half full with seed and the other half full with pellets of your choosing. Do not add anymore seed until the pellets and seed have all been eaten, this is cheaper for the cockatoo owner and much healthier for your cockatoo as they eat everything. I refill the bowls of my pet galah around every 3 days. Cockatoo's are efficient feeders in captivity and the wild and will not starve as a zoo keeper we were told a galah sized cockatoo only needs to feed on a table spoon of seed and a table spoon of pellets a day.

Feeding your cockatoo properly will greatly improve the health of your bird and the feathers within 6 months when they go through a molt will reflect the health inside out.

