

SUN CONURE CARE SHEET



Care & Feeding

The sun conure is no messier than smaller birds and loves to be outside of the cage for playtime. A sunny will revel in its owner's attentions and isn't a bird that enjoys being left alone. It will appreciate another sun conure as a "comrade" and will not lose its pet quality if the owners are attentive to both birds. Because it's in the Aratinga family, it can be paired with a jenday, mitred, nanday, gold-capped, blue crowned, or another Aratinga, but not for breeding purposes. These birds should be exclusively platonic pals. Some breeders create "Sundays" or "Jensuns" but this is not recommended because hybridization taints the already limited gene pool.

A sun conure should be offered a nutritionally balanced manufactured diet, as well as a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Conures have busy beaks, which makes Lafeber foods a conure favorite. Lafeber's Avi-Cakes, Pellet-Berries and Nutri-Berries offer balanced nutrition that appeals to a conure's chewing needs.

A sun conure can live between 15 to 25 years with proper nutrition, exercise, and regular veterinary visits. Breeding females or pets laying eggs without a mate are prone to egg binding and calcium deficiency. Sun conures that are confined to a small cage are prone to becoming overweight as well.

Personality & Behavior

These birds are playful clowns, lying on their backs or dangling from a rope toy — they are forever amusing. They are also easily trained, but will bite if provoked. In general, however, the sun conure is extremely affectionate and cuddly and will be deeply loyal to a gentle owner. This is a good family bird and will not "turn" on family members if they are kind and attentive to the bird.

