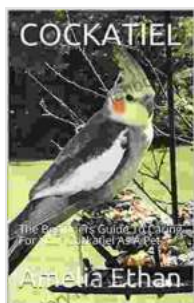


# The Beginner's Guide to Caring for Your Cockatiel as a Pet

Cockatiels are small, friendly birds that are a popular choice for pet owners. They are relatively easy to care for, and they can make great companions for people of all ages. If you're thinking about getting a cockatiel, here's what you need to know about caring for them.

## Housing

Cockatiels need a cage that is at least 18 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 18 inches tall. The cage should have plenty of room for the bird to move around and play. It should also have a variety of perches, toys, and a food and water dish.



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The cage should be placed in a quiet area of the house where the bird will not be disturbed. It should also be away from drafts and direct sunlight.

## **Diet**

Cockatiels are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and animals. A healthy diet for a cockatiel includes a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, seeds, and pellets.

Some good fruits and vegetables for cockatiels include apples, bananas, blueberries, carrots, and spinach. Some good seeds for cockatiels include sunflower seeds, safflower seeds, and millet. Pellets are a good source of nutrition for cockatiels, and they should make up about 50% of their diet.

It's important to offer your cockatiel a variety of foods to ensure that they are getting all the nutrients they need. You should also avoid giving your cockatiel any foods that are high in fat or sugar.

## **Water**

Cockatiels need access to fresh water at all times. The water should be changed daily, and the dish should be cleaned regularly.

## **Hygiene**

Cockatiels need to be bathed regularly to keep their feathers clean and healthy. You can bathe your cockatiel in a shallow dish of warm water. Be sure to supervise your cockatiel while they are bathing, and do not let them get too wet.

After bathing, your cockatiel should be dried thoroughly. You can use a towel to dry your cockatiel, or you can let them air dry in a warm place.

## **Exercise**

Cockatiels need to have plenty of exercise to stay healthy. They should be allowed to fly around outside of their cage for at least an hour each day. You can also provide your cockatiel with toys that they can play with to get exercise.

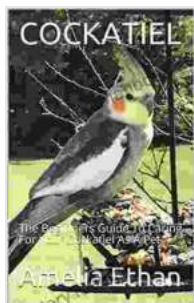
## **Companionship**

Cockatiels are social birds, and they need to have companionship to be happy. If you only have one cockatiel, you should spend as much time with them as possible. You can also get your cockatiel a companion bird to keep them company.

## **Veterinary care**

Cockatiels should be taken to the veterinarian for regular checkups. The veterinarian can check your cockatiel's health and make sure that they are getting the proper nutrition and exercise. The veterinarian can also vaccinate your cockatiel against diseases.

Cockatiels are great pets for people of all ages. They are relatively easy to care for, and they can make great companions. If you're thinking about getting a cockatiel, be sure to do your research to learn about their care and needs.



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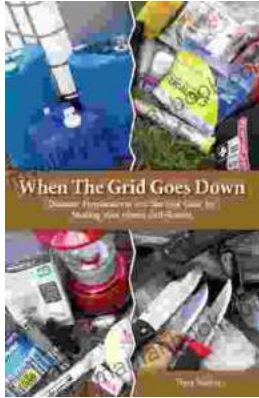
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