

dove care sheet



Do not feed fruit seeds, avocados, caffeine or alcohol. Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your birds health.



habitat

Appropriate size cage. A flight cage is recommended. Bars of cage should be no more than 3/8" apart. Metal bars and a metal grate over the dropping tray is recommend. Provide the largest habitat possible. Wooden or plastic dowel perches are usually sold with the cage you purchase. A variety of perch widths are good for a dove's feet. You will need at least three feeding cups. Two are usually sold with the cage. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.



temperature

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. Keep cage off the floor and avoid drafty areas. Never place cage in direct sunlight. Cover cage at night with an appropriate cover.



diet

Fresh seed should be provided daily. Pelleted diets are also recommended. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually. Finely chopped greens should be given daily. Vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded. Birds appreciate a variety in their food. Treats and millet are also recommended.



water

Provide fresh clean chlorine-free water daily.

shopping list

- cage & cage cover
- cage paper or appropriate litter
- seed and/or pellets
- food & water dishes
- treats
- millet
- bird bath
- variety of perches
- vitamin supplements
- book about doves

fun facts

average size

7 to 12 inches long

average life span

10 to 20 years

misc. information

doves make a pleasy cooing sound
they are community birds and are best kept
with at least one other dove

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