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Companion parrot consultation

On the internet you’ll find a lot of information about what to consider when choosing what species of companion parrot to add to your family, but sometimes it is difficult to apply those general terms to your real life.

Our companion parrot consultation can provide you with specific information about what type of parrot might best suit your home and family. We will provide you with information about what species we recommend for you and why, basic information about that species, and some down to earth insight about what living with a parrot is really like. By being armed with as much information as possible, you are ensuring that you and your bird will live a happy, healthy, and rewarding life together!

Please answer each question completely and with as much detail as possible. Detailed answers will help us to make the best recommendations and will allow us to provide the information in a timely manner. Feel free to type directly into this document or answer each question in the body of an email.

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1. Why do you want a parrot?
2. How much money are you prepared to invest in purchasing a parrot?
3. What types of parrots are you interested in and why?
4. How much do you think you’ll spend annually on a parrot?
5. Tell us about your family (who lives in your home & their ages).
6. How many hours per week do you spend outside your home (work, activities, etc.)?
7. Tell us about your other pets.
8. What type of home do you live in (house, trailer, apartment, etc.)?
9. What characteristics of a parrot are most important to you?
10. How many hours per day can you devote to your parrot (cleaning, feeding, playing, etc.)?
11. Where have you gotten information about parrots?
12. In your opinion, what are the three most important things a parrot owner should know?
13. What hobbies or activities do you and your family do for fun?
14. How long ago did you decide you wanted a parrot?
15. Describe how you would handle an unexpected bill of $1,000.
16. How noisy is your household?
17. How do you spend your vacations?
18. What will you feed your parrot?
19. Describe your idea of a perfect pet parrot.
20. On a scale of 1 to 10, how important to you is a clean house (1 = not important at all, 10 = I can’t sleep if the dishes aren’t done).

It is important that my parrot…

1. Is friendly with everyone in my house. TRUE FALSE
2. Is hand-tame. TRUE FALSE
3. Talks. TRUE FALSE
4. Does or can learn tricks. TRUE FALSE
5. Is relatively quiet. TRUE FALSE
6. Likes to cuddle with me. TRUE FALSE
7. Is friendly with children. TRUE FALSE
8. Does not scream or yell. TRUE FALSE
9. Enjoys going out with me. TRUE FALSE
10. Wants to be with me all the time. TRUE FALSE

My parrot absolutely must **not**…

1. Bite TRUE FALSE
2. Scream TRUE FALSE
3. Be possessive of me TRUE FALSE

I want a parrot that is…

(select any that apply)

Small Talkative Good with Children Fun

Medium Brightly Colored Independent Cuddly

Large Quiet Energetic Smart

Playful Affectionate Easy to Care For Outgoing

Not Messy Friendly to Everyone Content to be in Cage Trainable

I prefer to…

(select one)

Adopt a bird from a rescue/shelter

Buy a baby bird

No preference

It is important to know that I…

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