

# Weekly Health Programme for Lorikeets

	Add to Drinking Water	Mix into Fruit/Nectar	Ongoing Health Care
Day 1	KD Powder <sup>1</sup>	Turbobooster, Dufoplus & Ioford <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Lice &amp; Mite Protection:</b> S76 should be administered in apricot nectar every month during summer and each three months during the cooler seasons. Add five drops of S76 into a teaspoon of apricot nectar for one day. A lice and mite spray (AIL) should be applied on the same day.</p> <p><b>Worm Protection:</b> Gentle Wormer should be administered in apricot nectar each three months. Add ten drops of Gentle Wormer into nectar for one day.</p> <p><b>Quik Gel</b> <sup>3</sup> : At the first sign of illness it is recommended to give one drop of Quik Gel <sup>3</sup> in a teaspoon of apricot nectar juice and contact Carlingford Animal Hospital for advice.</p>
Day 2	Fresh water	Turbobooster, Dufoplus & Ioford <sup>2</sup>	
Day 3	Fresh water	Turbobooster, Dufoplus & Ioford <sup>2</sup>	
Day 4	KD Powder <sup>1</sup>	E Powder and F Vite <sup>4</sup>	
Day 5	Fresh water	Nectar/Dry Mix *	
Day 6	Fresh water	Nectar/Dry Mix *	
Day 7	Fresh water	Nectar/Dry Mix *	

<sup>1</sup> KD Powder is given in the drinking water for two days each week. It is made up by adding 1/4 teaspoon (1gm or a level white spoon) into a litre of water. The drinking vessel is filled from this litre and the remainder is used to clean out the cage. Twice weekly use of KD helps prevent thrush and bacterial infections. Lorikeets are particularly susceptible to these diseases.

<sup>2</sup> Turbobooster (5 drops), Dufoplus (5 drops) & Ioford (5 drops) are mixed together into a passionfruit, into 5ml of apricot nectar juice or onto the fresh fruit mix. These supplements provide the protein, vitamin and trace element balance needed for good health.

<sup>3</sup> Quik Gel provides an immediate energy boost to your bird and should be given whenever you feel your bird is tired or unwell. Quik Gel is prepared by mixing 1 drop (0.1ml) into a teaspoon (5mls) of apricot nectar juice.

<sup>4</sup> E Powder and Fvite may be sprinkled onto a passionfruit or the fresh fruit mix once a week to provide the additional minerals and B vitamins required by lorikeets.

**\* During the moult (between November and January), Turbobooster, Dufoplus & Ioford should be given for five days a week. E Powder & F-Vite should be given twice a week.**



## Food Preparation: Fruit, Native Blossoms & Treats

The morning and evening meal may be comprised of organic fruits, porridge prepared with fruit juice or canned fruit. Native blossoms are relished by lorikeets and should be provided in the cage throughout the day for foraging activity and entertainment. Vary your birds diet according to what is fresh and in season.

Lorikeets have very sharp beaks and enjoy eating hard and soft fruits. One of the following fruits, passionfruit, grapefruit, mango, rockmelon, watermelon, kiwifruit, pomegranate and papaya, which are very rich sources of vitamin A & vitamin E should be included in at least one daily meal. Corn, capsicum, apples, grapes and oranges are other good food choices for lorikeets.

### Passionfruit Treat

Passionfruit is an ideal fruit into which you can provide nutritional supplements each morning. **Mix 6 drops Turbobooster, 5 drops Ioford and 5 drops Dufoplus inside a passionfruit and sprinkle ¼ teaspoon each of E Powder and F vite on top.**

### Apricot Nectar Treat

Apricot nectar (which is available in small bottles) should be fed as a regular treat in order to help administer medicines or Quik gel when your bird is tired, off-colour or sick.

### Food Hygiene

Food hygiene is particularly important for lorikeets and all fresh fruits should be washed in KD Powder prior to feeding to remove surface contamination. This helps to prevent bacterial infections such as E.coli and is particularly important in the warmer months when contamination is more likely. During the warmer months avoid all soft surfaced fruits (grapes, plums, strawberries, cherries etc). Peel all other fruits before serving to your lorikeet in order to prevent other diseases associated with food spoilage.

