

Weekly Health Programme for Budgerigars & Grass Parrots

Add to Drinking Water

Mix into Sterile Food

Ongoing Health Care

Day 1	KD Powder ¹	Turbobooster, E Powder & Fvite ⁴
Day 2	Dufoplus & Ioford ²	Turbobooster, E Powder & Fvite ⁴
Day 3	Dufoplus & Ioford ²	Turbobooster, E Powder & Fvite ⁴
Day 4	Fresh water	Fresh seed ⁵
Day 5	Quik Gel ³	Fresh seed ⁵
Day 6	Quik Gel ³	Fresh seed ⁵
Day 7	Fresh water	Fresh seed ⁵

Lice & Mite Protection: S76 should be administered in the drinking water every month during summer and each three months during the cooler seasons. Add 0.5ml of S76 into 100mls drinking water and leave for two days. A lice and mite spray (AIL) should be applied on the same days

Worm Protection: Gentle Wormer should be administered in the drinking water each three months. Add 3mls of Gentle Wormer into 100mls drinking water and leave for two days.

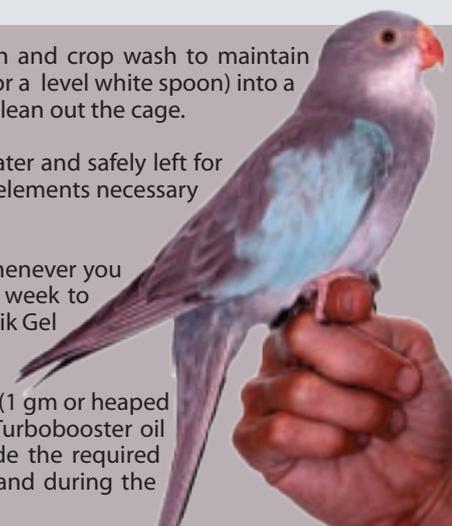
^{3 & 5} **Moult Support:** Between December and March Quik gel is added to drinking water for 2 days a week and Turbobooster, E-Powder & F-vite mixed into the seed every day.

¹ KD Powder is given in the drinking water for one day a week acting as a mouth and crop wash to maintain protection from environmental germs. 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.

² Dufoplus (5 drops) & Ioford (10 drops) are mixed together in 100mls of drinking water and safely left for two days as they are sugar free. Dufoplus and Ioford provide the vitamins and trace elements necessary for good health but which are missing from a seed diet.

³ 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 also given for two consecutive days a week to protect health during the moult, which is a period when many budgerigars fall ill. Quik Gel is prepared by mixing 1 drop (0.1ml) thoroughly into 100ml drinking water.

⁴ 6 drops of Turbobooster is mixed thoroughly into 100gm of seed, then 1/4 teaspoon (1 gm or heaped white spoon) of E-Powder and F-vite are mixed into it. These powders stick to the Turbobooster oil impregnated seed providing your bird with additional energy and together provide the required balance of protein, vitamin and minerals necessary for top health. For some birds, and during the moult Dr Marshall may recommend Turbobooster, E-Powder and F-vite be given daily.



Rest & Leisure

During the heat of the day wild budgerigars move to the cover of trees where they rest, preen, chew on branches and socialize. This is an ideal time to encourage language skills for your pet budgerigar whilst it is in or outside the cage.

Foraging

Wild budgerigars wake early and fly to their feeding grounds where they eat their food quickly until their hunger is satisfied. This is a time of natural learning when your pet budgerigar will respond best to clicker training.

At dawn wild budgerigars chatter in their roosting trees to re-establish flock security. This is a good time to talk to your pet budgerigar whilst it is in the cage

Foraging

In the cool of the afternoon wild budgerigars resume foraging on the ground. This is a good time to develop physical skills of your pet budgerigar through free flight and clicker training.

Wild budgerigars return to roosting trees at sunset where they chatter and socialize until dark when they sleep. This is a time to talk quietly to your bird before bedtime.

Socializing

Wild Budgerigar Daily Routine

An understanding of the budgerigar's behaviour in the wild helps us to gain a better understanding of the needs and true potential of the pet budgerigar.