

Daily Routine for Cockatoos & King Parrots

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MORNING



Exercise

✓ Before releasing your bird for free flight in the home open the cage and ask him to step up onto your finger or hand. Once outside the cage release for supervised free flight whilst preparing the morning meal of seed, vegetables or pulses.

Breakfast

✓ Encourage your bird to be included in the food preparation and create learning situations, as this is an important training time for your bird. For example, introduce clicker training as a foraging tool where your bird must work to get a click and food reward. This training stimulates the same mental behaviour required for searching,

Cage Preparation

✓ Remove all vegetables after one hour and replace with seed mix. Then position hardwood native branches inside the cage as cockatoos and Australian timberland parrots love chewing these for entertainment during the day.

What to Provide

Supervised free flight

Clicker training during food preparation time

Morning meal

Set up branches for chewing

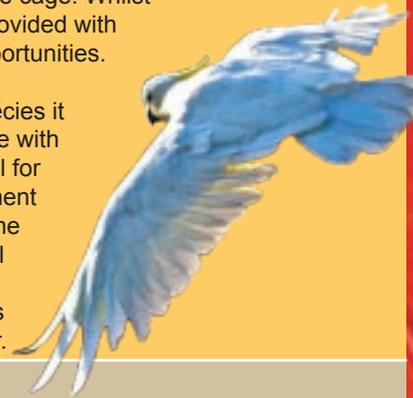
Seed dish may remain in the cage during the day

DAY TIME

Return to cage for foraging/rest

✓ Cockatoos and King parrots should not spend unsupervised time outside the cage. Whilst in their cage they must be provided with time consuming foraging opportunities.

✓ For the large cockatoo species it is necessary to pack the cage with fresh branches leaves and all for daily foraging and entertainment during the day. When at home during the day this is an ideal bonding time when your bird will enjoy learning new words or have a waterspray shower.



Place foraging fresh hardwood branches and treats or puzzles in cage

Exercise & Training

✓ Towards sunset release your bird from its cage and allow supervised free flight. Play games, talk or sing with your bird as you prepare the evening meal as this is a natural time for learning. This is a good time for a reward based training session.

Dinner

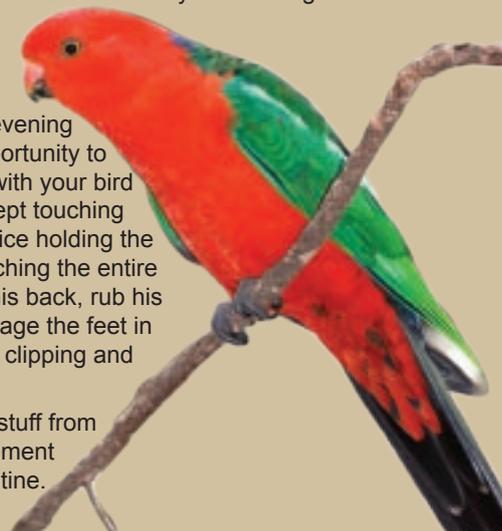
✓ Remove any remaining seed treats from the cage and call your bird in for a shared evening meal. Place the cage alongside the family dinner table and eat your evening meal at the same time.

Evening Socialising

✓ Following the evening meal is a good opportunity to rest and socialise with your bird and teach it to accept touching and holding. Practice holding the wings out then touching the entire body, turn him on his back, rub his stomach and massage the feet in preparation for nail clipping and harnessing.

Roosting/Bedtime

✓ Remove all foodstuff from the cage and implement nightly bedtime routine.



Supervised free flight

Clicker training

Games, singing & dancing exercise

Shared meal with humans

Social interaction

Remove all food from cage

Cover cage & give bedtime treat

EVENING

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