

Daily Routine for Lorikeets

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MORNING



Exercise

✓ Each morning greet your bird with a joyful "hello" and a happy song. Open the cage door and ask your lorikeet to step up onto your finger. This is a particularly important part of the morning routine as lorikeets are highly energetic and will constantly test the boundaries of acceptable behaviour. After a positive step up your pet lorikeet can be released for a vigorous and noisy fly as this is their happiest time of day.

Breakfast

✓ The nutritional supplements may be mixed into a passionfruit or small amount of wet mix. This is placed inside the cage and after an exercise session of at least 30 minutes your bird may be called in to eat this treat. Then provide the morning fruit meal after it is eaten.

Cage Preparation

✓ Remove all fresh fruit after one hour and replace with a container of lorikeet dry mix. Drinking water should be provided in an elevated container and 20mls fruit nectar in a gravity type drinking bottle. Setup fresh native branches and blossoms (e.g. Grevillea) inside the cage for daytime foraging opportunities.

What to Provide

Supervised free flight

Clicker training & interaction

Morning fruit meal



DAY TIME

Return to cage for foraging/rest

✓ Day time hours are spent inside the cage. Fresh branches and native blossoms are provided as a foraging activity and for entertainment.

✓ Lorikeets enjoy listening to the radio when alone at home. They are fantastic mimics and quickly learn telephone and microwave sounds. If at home during the day, this is an ideal time to teach it new sounds, words or songs.



Set up fresh branches & blossoms

Lorikeet dry mix remains in the cage during the day

Exercise & Training

✓ From mid to late afternoon, release your bird from its cage by asking it to step up on your finger then allow supervised free flight. Play games, sing, dance or talk with your bird as you prepare the evening meal as this a natural learning time for lorikeets. Your pet lorikeet will respond well to clicker training at this time by providing slithers of grape as training treats.

Dinner

✓ Remove containers of dry food and nectar, and any remaining blossoms and branches from the cage and call your bird in for a shared evening meal. A hot porridge meal made on fruit juice with canned fruit salad is a good alternative to fresh fruit as an evening meal.

✓ Place the cage alongside the family dinner table ready for a shared evening meal.

Evening Socialising

✓ Lorikeets are very vocal and active at dusk. Evening socialising involves talking and interacting with your bird and then "winding down" for the day. This is a good time to reinforce the days training by going over new words learnt earlier in the day.

Roosting/Bedtime

✓ Remove all foodstuff from the cage and implement your 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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