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Housing & Environment Guide

1. Introduction

A bird's environment has a major effect on its wellbeing. Proper housing creates comfort, safety, and opportunities for natural behavior.

2. Cage Size & Layout

- Choose a cage that allows full wing extension and easy movement.
- Horizontal bars help climbing species.
- Avoid round cages, as they can cause stress and limit movement.
- Provide multiple perches of different textures and diameters.

3. Placement in the Home

- Keep cages in well-lit areas away from drafts.
- Avoid kitchens, fumes, and high-traffic stress zones.
- Ensure birds can see the room without feeling exposed.
- Maintain a stable temperature appropriate for the species.

4. Lighting

- Birds benefit from natural sunlight and a consistent day-night cycle.
- Full-spectrum bird-safe lights may be used when natural light is limited.
- Allow 10–12 hours of darkness for proper rest.

5. Enrichment

- Offer toys that encourage chewing, foraging, and problem-solving.
- Rotate toys weekly.
- Include safe branches, swings, and climbing options.
- Provide supervised out-of-cage time when safe.

6. Cleanliness & Hygiene

- Replace cage papers daily.
- Clean food and water dishes every day.

- Deep-clean cages weekly.
- Avoid harsh chemicals; use bird-safe cleaners.

7. Air Quality

- Keep the environment free from smoke, aerosols, and scented products.
- Air purifiers may help, but avoid ionizers and ozone-producing devices.

8. When to Seek Help

If you are unsure whether an environment is safe or suitable, contact CAS for support.

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