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Budgerigar Quarantine Program

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BUDGERIGAR QUARANTINE PROGRAM

The following list outlines the steps that should be taken to safely and effectively quarantine new arrivals to protect your existing flock from potential infection.

1. EXTERNAL PARASITES (LICE AND MITES)
Spray or treat birds thoroughly with a recommended treatment before putting into quarantine.

2. INTERNAL PARASITES (WORMS)
Treat with an effective worm treatment program on the second day of quarantine. Treat for two days. All aviary birds should be treated for worms at least four times per year.

3. CANKER
Treat canker with a suitable product of your choice. Treat for five days. There are a number of recommended canker treatments available over the counter or you may consult your avian vet. Mix solution fresh daily.

4**. COCCIDIOSIS**
Treat Coccidiosis with a suitable product of your choice. Treat for five days. There are a number of recommended Coccidiosis treatments available over the counter or you may consult your avian vet. Mix solution fresh daily.

5. MEGABACTERIA
Treat with a recommended medication for ten days. Mix solution fresh daily

6. NUTRITION

Supply extra vitamins, minerals, Probiotics and protein for the entire quarantine period

7. QUARANTINE PERIOD
Quarantine your birds for a period of not less than 30 days (recommended by avian vets 90 days). Always handle your own birds first, wash your hands with an antibiotic hand wash, or wear disposable gloves prior to handling your quarantined birds. It is also advisable to wear different footwear with the quarantined birds.

8. CAGES Minimum size for budgerigars is 600mm x 450mm x 350mm.

9. POSITION

- Inside conditions; separate air space. (meaning a different room)
- Outside conditions; At least five meters from other birds.

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10. PREPARATION· Clean and disinfect quarantine cages.

- Place paper on the bottom of cage and change regularly.
- Wash and disinfect all food and water containers.
- Be careful not to carry droppings, feathers, or any other waste back into your existing aviary.
- Wash hands after caring for quarantined birds.

11. OBSERVATION DURING QUARANTINE. WHAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR.

- Prolonged inactivity.
- Eye or nasal discharge.
- Weight loss.
- Soiled vent or diarrhoria.
- Cages lined with paper make observation of droppings easier.
- Wheezing or gasping.

If any of these signs occur, separate the affected bird(s) from the other quarantined stock and contact your avian vet.
In the event of a disease outbreak, keep a record of dates the disease was first detected and the type of disease and
notify your club secretary. Do not allow other club members to come into contact with diseased birds and always
assume strict hygiene.
Do not sell - auction or trade diseased birds.

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