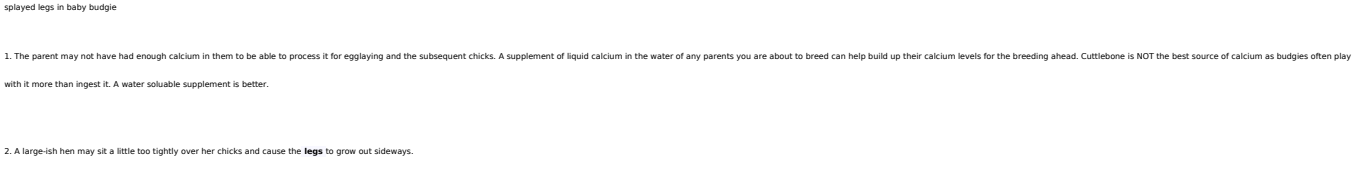
Budgerigar Breeding

Splayed Legs

Some chicks end up with what is called **splayed** legs. Its where the **legs** stick out each side and not underneath them. There are a few reasons for this.



splayed legs in baby budgie

1. The parent may not have had enough calcium in them to be able to process it for egglaying and the subsequent chicks. A supplement of liquid calcium in the water of any parents you are about to breed can help build up their calcium levels for the breeding ahead. Cuttlebone is NOT the best source of calcium as budgies often play with it more than ingest it. A water soluable supplement is better.

2. A large-ish hen may sit a little too tightly over her chicks and cause the **legs** to grow out sideways.

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