

Food

Toys (enrichment)

Water

Veterinary care

Bird cage

Socialization

Perches

Kindness and Respect



*Students may not be familiar with the needs of budgies. Use the following notes to prompt them for ideas.*

### Nutrition

- **Food** - Budgies need seeds and pellets daily. They should also be offered chopped fresh green and yellow vegetables and fruits. Remember to remove fresh foods daily to prevent the bird from eating spoiled food.
- **Water** - Budgies need fresh water every day. It is important to wash the water dish daily to prevent bacterial growth.

### Environment

- **Bird cage** - The ideal cage should be about 36cm long, 40cm high, and 60cm wide. Budgies are very sensitive to temperature so be sure the cage is away from windows and other drafty areas.
- **Perches** - Perches need to be the correct size for your budgies feet. If they are too large, the budgie will not be able to grip properly. Be sure to not place perches above food or water dishes so droppings do not contaminate the dishes.

### Health

- **Veterinary care** - Your budgies should see a vet once a year for an evaluation. They often hide signs of illness so be sure to watch for subtle changes in your budgies behaviour and/or health.

### Behavior

- **Socialization** - Budgies are very social birds, so they do best in same sex pairs or small groups.
- **Toys** - Enrichment such as bells, ropes, and climbing ladders can keep the budgies entertained. It is a good idea to change them periodically to keep the budgie interested.

### Positive Interactions with People (Kindness and Respect)

- Approach budgies so you do not startle them.
- Speak in a calm, gentle voice.
- If the budgie doesn't want to interact, respect that. You can always try again a different time!