

# Shopping for your pet

## BIRDS



### 1. FOOD

- Have at least a two-week supply at all times
- Use the brand that your bird is used to eating
- Store the food in an airtight, waterproof container
- Rotate food at least once every 3 months
- Remember, birds must eat daily to survive

### 2. PERCH, BEDDING

- If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels and change them frequently
- Keep extra newspaper or bedding to line the bottom of the cage

### 3. CUTTLE BONE AND/OR BEAK CONDITIONER

- Always have an extra one of each on hand

### 4. WATER FOR DRINKING & CLEANING

- Have at least a two-week supply at all times
- Store water in a dark place
- Rotate water at least once a month
- Do not put water inside the carrier during transport. Instead, provide a few slices of fresh fruits and vegetables with high water content.

### 5. CLEANING SUPPLIES AND PAPER TOWELS

- Have disinfectant & paper towels to clean the cage
- Have a two-week supply of paper or whatever is used to line the bottom of the cage

### 6. EXTRA SEED BOWL & WATER CONTAINER

- Have an extra bowl and water container to replace any that might break in a disaster.

### 7. IDENTIFICATION

- Keep current photos of your pet. Take some photos that include you and your pet to prove ownership
- Photograph any identifying markings, and leg bands



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- Keep copies of registration or adoption papers
- Keep several generic Lost Posters. Make sure they are brightly colored and kept in waterproof bags or containers, so if it rains, they are not ruined.

## 8. FIRST AID KIT FOR BIRDS

- Include: “kwik stop” powder or styptic or cornstarch to stop bleeding, tweezers, heavy-duty gloves, disposable gloves, and a first aid book for birds

## 9. NET AND TOWEL

- A long-handled net and towel, in case you must recapture an escaped bird
- Keep a sheet, cloth or towel to cover cage at night

## 10. CAGES: BEFORE AND AFTER AN EMERGENCY

- In your home, secure hanging cages so they won't swing or fall
- Once you have reached your evacuation destination, keep cage or carrier in a quiet spot
- Do not let bird out of the cage or carrier

## 11. EVACUATION CAGE

- Small, secure travel cage for transporting a bird – make sure the bird cannot chew its way out
- In cold weather, wrap a blanket around and over the carrier and warm up car before placing bird inside
- In warm weather, carry a plant mister to mist birds' feathers periodically

## 12. FLASH LIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES

- This is used to regulate light hours for your bird, which is important for your bird's health

## 13. MEDICATION

- Have a one-week supply of any long-term medication your bird is taking. Rotate every 3 months so it remains fresh

## 14. FAMILIAR ITEMS

- Include any toys and treats that may comfort your bird

