

Going Home

Day One with Your New Bird

The first day in a new environment is stressful for everyone, especially for birds. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the following information:

- Always transport your new companion in a suitable carrier. The carrier provides protection for your bird against predators and possible escape. Be sure to cover the carrier with a towel to protect against extreme weather conditions.
- Let your new bird adjust to its new cage for several hours before playing with him/her. This will give him/her time to locate the food and water and also to investigate the new environment.
- Pay careful attention to changes in your bird's droppings. Sometimes birds under stress will forgo eating which causes their droppings to turn a dark color and the consistency to change.
- Keep playtime at a minimum. Thirty to forty-five minutes should be the longest time spent outside the cage at any given time.
- Quarantining your new bird is a recommended precaution. For at least thirty days keep him/her away from any other birds that you own.
- Allow your new bird to go to sleep early tonight. Turning on a small night light near the cage is a good idea.
- Make plans within the next few days to take your bird to an avian veterinarian.
- The staff of Bird Zone congratulates you on your new adventure. We want you to know that we are here for you whenever you have a question. Just call us.
- Last, but not least, have fun! You have just embarked on the wonderful journey of bird ownership. May you enjoy a happy and fulfilling trip together.