

BIRDHOUSE BOARDING

Why Birds Need Species-Specific Care

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A friendly guide to understanding your bird's unique needs

1. Different Species Have Different Diets

- Macaws need higher-fat foods like nuts
- Cockatiels thrive on seed-leaning diets
- African greys require extra calcium
- Lories need nectar-based diets

Proper nutrition depends entirely on species.

(Please consult your veterinarian on what diet they recommend for your bird)

2. Behavioral Needs Vary Widely

- Cockatoos need intense social interaction
- Conures crave play and noise
- Finches prefer calm, low-handling environments
- Amazons benefit from structured enrichment

Each species has its own personality and instincts.

3. Safety Requirements Are Species-Specific

- Small birds can slip through wide cage bars
- Large parrots can break toys meant for smaller birds
- Some woods and metals are safe for one species but dangerous to another

Species-specific care prevents accidents.

4. Stress Levels Depend on Species

- Timid species need quiet spaces
- Confident species need stimulation
- Bonded parrots may need extra reassurance

Understanding species temperament keeps birds calm and comfortable.

5. Enrichment Must Match Natural Behaviors

- Foraging (macaws, greys)

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- Shredding (cockatoos)
- Bathing (conures, lorries)
- Flying (finches, budgies)

The right enrichment supports mental and physical health.

6. Medical Needs Differ by Species

- African greys: calcium deficiency
- Budgies: tumors and liver issues
- Cockatoos: feather-destructive/hormonal behaviors
- Amazons: obesity/heart disease

Species-specific knowledge helps prevent health problems.

7. Emotional Needs Are Species-Dependent

- Some birds love head scratches
- Some prefer hands-off interaction
- Some bond strongly with one person
- Some thrive in flocks

Respecting that no two birds are the same and every bird and their needs are different will help build trust.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Birds aren't generic pets — they're diverse, intelligent, and sensitive.

Species-specific care ensures every bird receives the right diet, environment, enrichment, and handling to stay healthy and happy.

This is the heart of what we do at Birdhouse Boarding.

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