

# Pet Bird Care and Disease Prevention Guide



## Keep wild birds away!

- Keep your pet birds, their food and water away from wild birds, rodents, insects, poultry, and other pets.
- Limit contact with visitors who own birds.

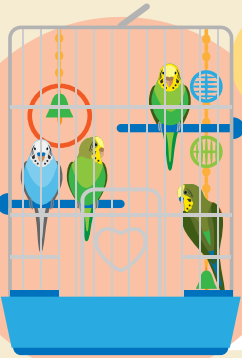
## Find an avian veterinarian.

- Routine visits with an avian veterinarian can help detect illnesses early and keep birds healthy.
- Learn the signs of illness in a bird.
- Familiarize yourself with common household dangers.
- Avoid using chemicals like cleaners, hairspray, candles, or perfumes around your birds.
- Provide grooming as needed (e.g., nail trim)



## Keep your birds and their environment clean & dry.

- Install a safe and sturdy enclosure or cage.
- Provide fresh water, food, and enrichment activities daily.
- Protect your birds from excessive heat and cold.
- Clean and disinfect their cages or enclosures, perches, and food bowls



## Don't forget to follow biosecurity practices!



- Quarantine any new birds away from your birds for at least 30 days.
- Wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling your birds and their environment.
- If you have an outdoor aviary, use dedicated shoes and clothing when tending to your birds.
- Do not house pet birds with poultry or waterfowl.
- Do not share cages or equipment with other bird owners.



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