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## **Congratulations on the purchase of your new CONURE from Passion for Pets.**

You can expect many years of enjoyment from these cuddly and comical pets. To assist you with this and to help you give the best of care to your new Conure we have provided the following information.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO SETUP YOUR CONURE**

- A parrot cage with a removable grid
- A selection of suitable toys, minimum of three
- A rope perch
- A concrete perch
- Small parrot seed
- Small parrot pellets
- Coop cup/s
- Calci grit
- Breeders choice litter
- Cage cleaner spray
- Mite and lice spray
- Wormer

### **SETTING UP YOUR CAGE**

Conures love attention and like to be involved in the family, with this in mind you should place your conures cage where it can be with the family ie, lounge room or kitchen. An ideal location for your conure should include filtered sunlight. Do not place your conure too close to heaters or heating ducts. If you place your conures cage away from the main family areas your conure will become very loud as it will be calling out to locate it's flock (you).

Steps to setting up your cage

1. First you should wipe out your cage using Cage Cleaner Spray, then wipe it down with a clean cloth to remove any residue.



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2. Place a layer of breeders choice litter in the bottom tray.
3. Position the main perch so that it is level with the food and water dishes. You should avoid placing a perch directly over food and water dishes, as your conures dropping will fall into them.
4. Position your concrete and rope perches. Vary them so that your conure has different heights throughout the cage to perch.
5. Position your toys in the cage. Make sure that your conure has easy access to reach them but that they are not in the way of the food and water dishes.
6. Place your coop cups on the sides of the cage, but not directly above the food and water dishes.
7. Fill your larger dishes, one with water and one with fruit and veggies, if you have a third dish as most parrot cages have fill this with small parrot pellets. Using your coop cups fill one with calci grit and the other with small parrot seed. The coop cups should be smaller than the food and water dishes.

### **PLACING YOUR CONURE IN THE CAGE**

Your conure will have been sent home in a carry box, place this box inside the cage and open it. Allow your conure to come out on its own. Being very inquisitive, it will not take long for your conure to come out and explore its new home.

### **TOYS**

Conures are quite intelligent so you need to occupy their mind to prevent them from becoming bored and self-destructive. You should place no less than three toys in your conures cage but not too many to clutter and reduce space in the cage. Once a month these toys should be taken out and rotated with three others to prevent your conure from becoming bored with its toys. Once a week you should thoroughly inspect your conures toys to ensure they are still safe and pose no harm. Rope toys can be trimmed if the ends start to fray. The best toys are rope/wood toys and acrylic toys. Your friendly Passion for Pets staff member can assist you in your selection.

### **PERCHES**

It is important to have at least two or three different thickness and material perches in your conures cage. This ensures the correct exercise and stimulation



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for your conures feet. Cement perches are fantastic as they have different thickness and shape and also trim your conures beak and nails. Rope perches are fun for your bird and are easily kept clean.

### **DIET**

Your conure will be happiest with a varied diet. There should be a fresh source of fruit and vegetables provided and replaced daily. Small parrot seed can be fed as a treat and small parrot pellets should be supplied daily to ensure your conure is receiving a complete and balanced diet. Fruit should be thoroughly washed and cut into small pieces before feeding, with all stones and pips removed. Vegetables can be fed raw partly cooked or steamed depending on your conures individual tastes; they also should be washed and chopped. The popular favorites are grapes, apple, strawberries, plums, nectarines and banana for fruits and potato (mashed), peas, corn, carrots, zucchini and beans for vegetables.

### **WORMING**

You should worm your conure every three months. Your Passion for Pets staff member will inform you of the next due date. Simply follow the instructions on the wormer.

### **MITES AND LICE**

You should spray your conure and cage once a month against mites and lice. Remove all food and water dishes, hold the bottle 30cm from your conure and lightly spray. Avoid spraying directly into your conures eyes.

### **BATH TIME**

Your conure requires a bath atleast three times a week at a minimum. It can be done daily. There are many ways to do this. You can let your conure join you in the shower and allow him/her to reach into the water at his/her own pace. You can get a shallow dish with warm water and allow your conure to splash in it or you can use a spray bottle and lightly mist your conure. If you choose the spray bottle ensure it hasn't been used for chemicals.



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### **SEXING**

There are no physical differences between the male and female. The best way to sex a conure is by getting a DNA test done, otherwise you can wait to see if your conure lays an egg!

### **LIFESPAN**

You can expect your conure to live between 30 - 40yrs with good care and diet.

### **TEACHING YOUR CONURE TO TALK**

If you start at a young age, most conures will learn to talk. Decide on your first word to teach your conure, choose an easy one first like "hello". Spend at least five minutes three to four times a day saying this word to your conure. When your conure tries to repeat this word you should show excitement and praise. Once your conure has mastered its first word move on to your next. Some words will be picked up far quicker than others depending on how much your conure likes the sound.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information you purchase many books specifically on Conures. Please don't hesitate to contact one of our friendly staff members at Passion for Pets for further details.