

FREE SAMPLE

Lovebird Care Package

The first 4 pages of the 39-page printable manual, free to keep.



In this sample: What's inside, How to Use This Package, Quick Profile & Cost Overview. The contents page shows every one of the 39 pages, so you can see exactly what the full package covers before you buy it.

Not in this sample: the 35 pages that follow, which are the full care guide, the health section, the quick reference cards, and the owner tools, checklists and logs.

The full package is \$8.99 at beastlyfacts.com/care-packages/lovebird/. One purchase, and every corrected edition is a free re-download from your library. The free lovebird care guide it was built from is at beastlyfacts.com/guides/lovebird/, and stays free.

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Every page is written to be used, not just read once.

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START HERE

How to use this package

Three ways to get value from it, depending on where you are right now.

If you haven't bought a bird yet

Read pages 4 through 12 in order before buying anything. Two decisions are far harder to undo than the rest: the cage you buy on page 5, and whether you bring home one bird or two on page 9. Settle those first, then use the Budget & Shopping List on page 28 to buy once instead of twice.

If your lovebird is already home

Jump to the Setup Checklist and Targets on page 26 to audit what you have, and the Health Red Flags page 19 if anything seems off. If the cage contains a happy hut, a nest box, or a mirror, read page 6 today. Those three items drive more lovebird problems than anything else an owner adds voluntarily.

Print these first

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| ☐ Page 26: Setup Checklist & Targets | ☐ Page 33: Pet-Sitter Sheet |
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WHY THIS PACKAGE EXISTS

Lovebird advice online swings between two extremes: treating them as disposable starter birds, or copying care written for parrots ten times their size. Neither fits. This edition is cross-checked against veterinary sources, listed on page 38, not recycled forum advice, and every temperature and dimension is given in both imperial and metric.

NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR

An avian veterinarian experienced with small parrots. This is a husbandry reference for day-to-day care. Anything urgent or health-related is always a professional call, not a page in this book. Birds hide illness until they are genuinely sick, so find a vet before you need one and write the number on page 27.

SECTION 01

Quick profile

Everything at a glance before you read the detail.

Scientific name	<i>Agapornis</i> spp., nine species; the peach-faced (<i>A. roseicollis</i>), Fischer's and masked are the common pets
Adult size	5 to 6.5 in (13 to 16.5 cm); 40 to 60 g (1.5 to 2 oz)
Captive lifespan	10 to 15 years typical, up to about 20 with excellent care
Native range	Africa and Madagascar; savanna, open woodland and forest edge
Diet type	Granivore in the wild, kept on a pellet-forward diet in captivity
Cage minimum, single bird	18×18×24 in (46×46×61 cm); see page 5 for why sources disagree
Cage minimum, bonded pair	24×18×24 in (61×46×61 cm)
Bar spacing	3/8 to 5/8 in (10 to 16 mm), 1/2 in (13 mm) ideal. A safety figure, not a preference
Sexual maturity	8 to 12 months
Handling difficulty	Intermediate. Beaky and territorial for their size, and the pairing choice on page 9 decides how tame the bird gets
Conservation status	Most species Least Concern; Fischer's lovebird Near Threatened (IUCN)

Cost overview

Initial setup

\$190 to \$360 for equipment, plus \$25 to \$50 for the first vet exam. The bird itself is \$50 to \$150 for a common peach-faced or Fischer's, \$200 to \$400 or more for a rare color mutation, and \$20 to \$100 to adopt. Full breakdown on page 28.

Monthly ongoing

\$25 to \$50 for one bird, or \$45 to \$90 for a pair: pellets, fresh produce, replacement toys and vet care averaged over the year.

BUDGET FOR THE WORST CASE TOO

A routine avian checkup runs \$25 to \$50. An emergency does not: egg binding, a broken blood feather, or a night fright injury can run into the hundreds or thousands. Egg binding is the single likeliest emergency in this species and it is a same-day problem, so an emergency fund matters more here than the price of any item on the shopping list.

Fun facts worth knowing

- *Agapornis* is Greek for "love bird," after the bonded pairs that preen each other and sit pressed together for hours. The name is about pair bonding, not about being gentle with people.
- A hen lays eggs with no male anywhere in the house. It is not a sign of anything going right, and page 17 is about keeping it from becoming a habit.
- Lovebirds shell their own seed, so unlike some cage birds they need no grit at all. Offering it risks a crop or gizzard obstruction for no benefit.