



## What Every Bird Parent Needs: Preparing for Life & Emergencies

Caring for a bird will NOT be the easiest thing you will do. You will believe that fresh food, fresh water, love and companionship will keep them healthy and happy. All of that is a top priority; however, that doesn't prepare us for the tough "stuff" like aging, hormones, eggs, a caught toe, or a flight mishap. To help you be better prepared to handle an emergency, we have developed the below lists. Having these items on hand will help before it's too late, and help the vet have enough information on hand to make critical decisions about your bird's health.

Must Have	Should Have	Would Like You To Have
*Bird diary hard copy (not electronic so you can take it with you to any vet)	Periodic close up pictures of the bird	Shower perch or stand that can be in the shower
Gram scale	Stand	Outdoor cage
Training treats	Dremel	TV/Radio to leave on during your absence
Heat source for emergencies	A towel that only the bird uses and would recognize with no pulls or snags	Harness
Avian first aid/grooming kit (see Avian first aid/grooming kit tutorial)	Temp/Humidity reader	Pen flashlight
Named vet (yours or ours)	Humidifier	A backup vet
Cage (PRH selection based on bird's personality and preferences/needs)	Pedialyte without flavoring	Air purifier
Transport cage and perch with name and phone number tag	Aloe water mist	Ceramic blow dryer (off gassed)
Cage door perch	Iodine drops	Baby bird food stored in the freezer (small container)
Smoke/CO2 detector	UV lights	Coconut oil organic
**Will	Ceramic knives to cut their fruits and veggies with	Air tight food and nut containers washed before next refill

\*Make sure to include weekly weights for the first month, monthly thereafter. Date (including year), time of day, indicate prior to or after eating, what is being fed, favorite foods, and report on poop.

\*\*Create or update your will.

Prior to anything happening, decide if you will want a necropsy to determine cause of death or cremation. If so, and death occurs, place the bird in a bag with no towel and refrigerate (towel can cover the bag in the refrigerator). If you choose to cremate, decide on what company can do that for you and have that number available and their policies for pickup.