

**Use this checklist and see if you have an understanding of each topic.
If you are unsure about a topic, do some research and find the information you need.**

- Safety:**
- Handling techniques
 - Supervision with children
 - Household toxins
 - Environmental toxins: plants
 - Neighbors/Friends/ Relatives
 - Strangers
 - Anti-theft safeguards
 - Identification/records
 - Emergency supplies
 - Caging, Perches, Swings, Gyms
 - Bird-proofing: cords, cabinets, etc.
 - Toys
 - Pets
 - Secure living space
 - Exposure to other birds
 - Transportation
 - Outside activities/Harness training
 - Teflon/nonstick pans hazards
 - Candles/scented plug-in hazards
 - Temperature variations: heat/cold
 - Noise control

- Behavior:**
- Socialization

- Nutrition:**
- Basic nutritional requirements
 - Planning
 - Preparation/cleaning of foods
 - Presentation of foods
 - Storage
 - Enrichment
 - Food Groups
 - Treats
 - Toxic foods
 - Pellets
 - Nuts
- Cleaning:**
- Cage/Equipment
 - Toy Rotation
 - Techniques for toy cleaning/disinfecting
 - Cleaning of food dishes
 - Household cleaning
 - Safe cleaning chemicals
 - Non-safe cleaning chemicals

- Toys:**
- Appropriate toys

- Health:**
- Health Maintenance
 - Routine Vet Care
 - Emergency Care
 - Weight
 - Normal appearance
 - Signs of illness
 - Nail trimming
 - Mo
 - Blood feathers: are you prepared?
 - Bath
 - Daily body inspection
 - Normal/abnormal stool/urine
 - Foot care
 - Beak care
 - Normal behavior vs. behavior when ill
 - Signs of stress
 - Sleep requirements
 - Lighting Requirements
 - Exercise requirements/ Exercise activity
 - Temperature requirements
 - Vomiting vs. regurgitation

- Equipment:**
- Cages: sizes, types, coatings,

Communication
Stages of development
Stimulation activities
Signs of overload
When NOT to handle a bird
Calming techniques
Types of bites
Behavioral corrections
Timeout
Pair bonded/mate behavior
Fearful behavior
Aggression
Play behavior
Beaking/Biting
Vocalization types/screaming
Interactions with family members
Depression
Types of attention
Time out of cage requirements
Protecting furniture from damage

Safe and unsafe toys
Enrichment activities
Toy types/textures
Games/Activities/Playtime
Home made toys
Purchasing toys
Toy Hangers
Entanglement and choking hazards

Cage & Equipment Location
Stands
Play areas
Perches
Bathing perches/stands
Transport kennels
Harnesses
Towels
Storage bins- food, toys, supplies
Dishes, food cups, water containers

Resources
ABC Website: Basic Avian Care
Internet sites: Birds-n-Ways, etc.
Journals: BirdTalk, Companion Parrot Quarterly
Club Memberships
Seminar Presentations
Books