

Making a Difference in Avian Health

Most conures are gregarious, playful, animated birds that enjoy and seek attention. The brightly colored Sun and Jenday conures are the most familiar species. Conures generally have a cavalier attitude about investigating anything new in their environment; thus, they can be accident-prone. These birds are generally poor talkers, but they can be very vocal in the early morning and late afternoon.




About Your Conure

Young, hand-raised conures adapt readily to new surroundings and handling procedures. They should be exposed early in life to novel situations (car travel, hospital visits, multiple

visitors in the household, other household pets) so that they are well adjusted to these events. Discipline, leadership, patience, hooding (covering the head), a sense of ritual and the offering of rewards are necessary to modify the behavior of conures. Even then, they are not completely trustworthy and may bite when they are angry or don't get their way.

Conures can live as long as 35 years, but their average life span in captivity is often much less, usually due to improper feeding. Visiting your avian veterinarian for routine health checks will help prevent many diseases and support you in having a long, satisfying relationship with your conure.

Greener is Better!



Due to improved efficiency by our manufacturing process involving the topical application of spirulina to extruded Harrison's nuggets, you may notice a slight color change of the HBD products. Hopefully, it will not cause any inconvenience in convincing your birds to eat food that looks a little bit different. Because in this case, your birds will actually be able to ingest more of the beneficial spirulina for more positive results!



The Results Speak for Themselves

Miechele McCoy's eclectus parrot, Chloe, from Bloomington, Indiana before converting to Harrison's Bird Foods and only four months after the diet change.

Dispelling Myths About Bird Nutrition

Bird owners often hear conflicting information about what to feed their birds. Some opinions are based on incorrect information.

- **Myth:** Pelleted diets are not as good as a combination of “fresh” ingredients.
- **Truth:** Various ingredients, plus vitamins, minerals, and fatty acid sources, can be included in pellets to make them nutritionally complete. In contrast, diets composed of single foods and supplements require that the proper amount of each be fed (and consumed!) to provide a good diet.

In addition, when pelleted diets are made, the cooking process increases their digestibility. Nutritionally complete pelleted diets have greatly improved the nutritional status, health and longevity of birds and many other animals as compared to individual item diets.

Good Looking Birds

My cockatiels, budgies and parrotlet are on Harrison's pellets and I am convinced they are the best food for my birds. I have a cockatiel that was diagnosed with liver disease before he was one year old. My vet told me to convert him to the Harrison High Potency. Not only has it given him more of the nutrients he's needed, it helped his feathers go from a black, oily look (he's a gray), to the normal color and he's soft and filled out.

I like the fact those pellets are organic so I know I'm not giving him anything he doesn't need. When I see other birds who are on a seed diet, there is no doubt my birds' overall appearance is better due to the diet.

Teresa Miller

More Harrison's Bird Food

Please repeat this order! My bird “Taco” loves this stuff — he looks better and weighs more!

*Bill Key
San Jose, California*



Skin Chewing Resolved



A new pair of Triton Cockatoos was being housed together to get acquainted, so

they could be set up for breeding. After a few months, I noticed the male began picking his feathers; then he actually began to chew his skin and chest tissue.

When I brought the pair back inside for closer observation, I noticed that the male was pretty aggressive and always went to the food dish first when it was filled. Because it was the breeding season, I was offering Harrison's High Potency Coarse (HPC) formula with two pieces of fruit in the morning, and HPC with a tablespoon of seeds, two nuts and some vegetables in the evening. The male would end

up eating only the seeds, nuts, vegetables and fruit with very little pellets.

So for the past three weeks, I fed the birds solely HPC (with no supplementation), and the male's skin problems have disappeared.

*Edward Callahan
Delray Beach, Florida*

New Packaging

In a breakthrough move to significantly extend the shelf-life of the entire HBD product line, a transition is being made to new, oxygen-impermeable, resealable bags.

HBD Online Store



Does your avian veterinarian have his own HBD web site? If so, you may be able to buy your Harrison's Bird Food online and have them delivered directly to your home. You may access the site at www.hbdintl.com.

