



Feeding guidelines for breeders

This is a feeding guideline for commercial parrot breeders on how to use **Animalzone** to achieve optimum nutrition. This is a basic program and can be adapted to fit the individual needs of a breeding program.

It is very easy to use **Animalzone** food in your breeding program since the food contains the optimal levels of protein, fat, carbohydrate, vitamins, minerals, etc. Any additional additives will be for health benefits and not nutritional reasons.

Basic food choices are as follow:

Parrot Food Natural:

This is a balanced and complete diet to full fill the nutritional requirements of all parrots. Contains 20% protein.

Parrot Food Plumage Enhancer:

This is a balanced and complete diet with added palm fruit extract and increased levels of plant extracts. This product improves feather quality and colour. We would recommend this to breeders that focus on mutations (e.g. lovebirds/ringnecks) since the feather colour will be brighter. Contains 20% protein.

The Parrot Food Natural and Parrot Food Plumage Enhancer are available in large and small. It is only the size of the pellets that differ, the nutritional value remain the same. The large pellets are ideal for ringnecks and larger breeds and the small pellets are ideal for parakeets smaller than ringnecks. In a mixed breeding set up the small pellets can be used for all parrots and parakeets, even macaws.

Parrot Cereal:

This is a balanced and complete diet. This diet is recommended for breeders that prefer a wet/soft diet. Contains 18% protein.

Probiotic:

Probiotic is a combination of bacterial cultures to maintain the natural flora of the gastrointestinal tract. Probiotic will normalize digestion and help prevent opportunistic bacterial and fungal infections. Give every second day as per label.

Detox granules:

Detox granules contains a natural mineral that removes heavy metals and toxins from the body on a cellular level. It helps to balance the body's pH levels, promotes healthy digestion and encourages nutrient absorption. The ground apricot and peach kernels serves as grit. Give twice a week as per label.

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Daily Schedule:

MORNINGS:	
Mondays & Thursdays (2 times a week)	Rest of the week
Give Parrot Cereal to aid with the giving of the Detox. <i>Add the Detox granules to the Parrot Cereal.</i> <i>Chopped fruit and vegetables can be added to the Parrot Cereal to improve the consumption of the Detox granules.</i>	Parrot Food or Parrot Food Plumage Enhancer or a <u>mixture</u> of these can be fed. These foods are given dry.
AFTERNOONS:	
Give diced fruit or vegetables. (Ringnecks ¼ cup/pair, African Greys ½ cup/pair, Macaws 1 cup/pair) Monitor the amount food eaten during the morning. Adjust the morning feeding so that it is finished by the afternoon. Top the food up in the afternoon with either Parrot Food or Plumage enhancer. This can be mixed with the fruit and vegetables or separately. This monitoring step is essential since breeding pairs with chicks will consume more food.	
PROBIOTIC:	
Give Probiotic in the water every second day.	
GENERAL:	
Give fresh food and water every morning. We would suggest that every bird breeder should have 2 sets of bowls. Remove the dirty bowls every morning and replace with the clean bowls. Disinfect bowls daily.	

Ultimately the Animalzone food range gives parrots everything they need in an easy manageable program.

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