

YOUR NEW TIMNEH

Please quarantine your new bird in an area away from other birds for at least 30 days. Wash your hands before servicing the cage or playing with the bird. If you are using a previously-used cage, be sure to wash it with a bleach and water solution, rinse, and thoroughly dry it before placing your bird inside. Perches and dishes should be treated likewise, making sure perches are dried completely. Anything not able to be sterilized this way should be replaced.

It's important to be very observant of your new bird the first few days especially. Be sure he has found his food and is eating. You've been given some samples of some of the foods he is used to, so please be sure to use these along with the foods you plan to give him.

- I make a mixture for my birds consisting of cooked rice, mixed veggies, and cooked beans. I warm some of this and feed it to the kids first thing in the morning. If you feed this to the baby from your fingers it is a wonderful bonding experience.
- Later in the day you can also handfeed some of the soaked weaning pellets. They should be soaked in hot water for a few minutes, then drained and placed in a dish while still warm.
- Have a dish of seed available at all times. You should use your seed with some of what they are used to mixed in, just so it will be more familiar to him.
- A dish of regular pellets should also be available at all times. I often use a mixture of two types, such as Zupreem fruit flavored and some other type such as Roudybush or Pretty Bird.
- Fruits, both fresh and dried mixed fruits, are a favorite.
- Millet sprays should be hung for the new bird, and they also like the commercial treat sticks. Don't skimp on the millet for the first several weeks, as it provides quick energy at a time when it is critical.
- A cuttlebone and mineral block should also be available, and two or three toys as well.

In short, offer lots of variety, and keep an eye on him to make sure he is eating. He will have been eating on his own for a week before going home with you, but being in a strange place could possibly throw him off a bit. Remember when offering the beans/rice/veggies and the soaked pellets that they like these very warm!

Hopefully you will heed the guarantee and be bringing him to a vet within 48 hours. This will give you a weight you can base his future weigh-ins on as well as knowing he is healthy.

Do let him out and get acquainted with him, but be sure he has enough time to eat sufficiently as well as having enough time to rest. Remember he is still a baby! Tell him he's a good boy and his first mom misses him. ☺

Please let me know how he's settling in, too, and anytime you want to give me updates on him I'd love to hear how he's doing.