

QUARANTINE

CHECK LIST

Ensure Your Flock's Good Health



1. Bring your new bird to an avian vet for a complete health check-up and diagnostic testing.



2. Temporarily house your new bird in an area with a separate air space, such as a detached converted garage, shed or in a no-bird-owning friend or neighbor's house during the quarantine period for at least 30 days. A 42- to 60 day-quarantine is ideal.



3. Take care of your established flock first, and then address the needs of your quarantined bird to prevent cross contamination. Change your clothes and shoes and wash your hands after interacting with the new bird if you plan on interaction with your established birds.



4. Create as stress-free an environment as possible for your new bird. Keep other household pets away from the bird and don't allow children to stick hands or fingers in the cage. If the new bird is housed in front of a window, cover part of the cage so it has a place to retreat to if something outside startles it.



5. Maintain a consistent light/dark cycle to ensure your new bird is receiving adequate sleep.



6. Weigh your new bird at the same time each day to make sure it is not losing weight. (Use a scale that weighs in grams instead of ounces.)



7. Use newspaper or white paper toweling on the cage bottom to spot any noticeable changes in the droppings' shape or consistency.



8. Carefully observe the bird for signs of illness or disease.



9. Prior to release from quarantine, have your avian veterinarian examine your new bird again to confirm a clean bill of health.



Cut It Out

Keep track of your bird's quarantine dates.



QUARANTINE IN PROGRESS

Bird's Name: _____

Species: _____

Date acquired: _____

Final Vet-Check Appointment

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Start Date _____ End Date _____

WELCOME TO **THE FLOCK!** Congratulations!

Name

has successfully completed quarantine and given a clean bill of health by his/her avian veterinarian, _____

