

Quiz - Are You A Great Bird Owner?

Take our quiz and find out if you are a great bird owner.

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Quiz Tip: Print out this page before you take the quiz and use it to record your answers for each question.

1. When the birds start making their morning racket, you ...
- Throw a sheet over them until they settle down; it's too early for that kind of noise.
 - Turn up the radio and sing along with them.
 - Pray they don't wake the neighbors and offer them a yummy breakfast to distract them.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

2. Would you describe your financial plan as
- Using coupons and waiting for things to go on sale so you can pay down your credit card debt and sock away for your 401K.
 - Praying for that promised raise or the lotto to come through so you can finally live comfortably.
 - Well-invested, well-stocked and a fiscal conservative.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

3. Your bird somehow found its way to your newly reupholstered antique chair from grandma and is hanging out, chewing and pooping. Do you
- Laugh and clean up the mess. You've got one smart bird. He always knows just where you don't want him hanging out.
 - Tell your bird, "You'll never be let out of the cage again!"
 - Remove your bird from the chair and place it on its playgym. Consider moving the chair to a new location or rearranging your bird's area so it can no longer reach it.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

4. The last time you adopted a new bird, you
- Just had to have it because its coloring matched your decor perfectly.
 - Bought a book(s) on the species and talked with friends, breeders and others knowledgeable of the bird before the purchase.
 - Kept it quarantined from the rest of your flock for 30 days and brought it to the vet for a well-bird checkup.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

5. When you go out of town, you
- Call your pet-sitter or boarder and leave detailed instructions for your birds' care.
 - Ask the neighbor to look in on your birds every couple of days.
 - Go out of town?! I almost never leave my birds.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

6. The last time you bought a toy was
- 1 month ago.
 - I don't remember.
 - Years ago. I make all my own bird. toys, because I know what my birds really like.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

7. You notice that your bird has a blood feather, you
- Take tweezers from your bird's first-aid kit and remove the feather yourself, after all, your avian veterinarian has shown you all the proper grooming techniques.
 - Take your bird to the vet and/or professional bird groomer.

c. Ignore the blood feather and hope your bird pulls it out.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

8. How would friends describe your personality

- a. Serious and, at times, controlling.
- b. Laid-back and friendly.
- c. Moody but fun-loving.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

9. How true is the following statement: I believe that my birds are a reflection of me

- a. Not at all.
- b. Somewhat.
- c. 100 percent true

Answer: _____ Points: _____

10. Your bird(s) has

- a. A cage, a perch and food.
- b. It's own cage, a playgym and a well-rotated selection of toys and perches.
- c. Two of everything, plus homemade toys.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

11. What you like most about your bird is

- a. It is pretty.
- b. It seems to understand you better than anyone else.
- c. It is fun to be around.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

12. You and your avian vet

- a. Chat at least once a week to keep him/her updated on your bird's health.
- b. See each other once a year for a well-bird checkup, unless your bird needs urgent care.
- c. Have never met, but if there's ever a medical emergency, you will look one up in the telephone book.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

13. During the day, your birds are

- a. In their cages (with lots of toys!) while I'm at work and out on their playgyms whenever I'm home.
- b. In their cages.
- c. Hanging out on my shoulder or another perch.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

14. Please fill in the blanks:

Spell your bird(s)' Latin classification (genus/species name _____

Which country(s) is your bird(s) native to _____

What is the threat status of your bird in the wild? _____

15. Do you own nonstick cookware

- a. Of course! That's all I cook with.
- b. Yes, but I only use it when my birds are in another room with the door closed and the kitchen window open.

c. No way! That stuff is poison to me and my birds.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

16. Name five things that are toxic to birds.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

17. Your bird's diet is made up of

a. Whatever I'm eating (fresh baked bread, salads, whole-grain pastas, mashed potatoes).

b. A daily dish of pellets or seed.

c. A formulated bird diet supplemented with some fruits & veggies.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

18. How would you describe your relationship with your bird(s)?

a. We frequently interact (share meals together, play games, etc.), but there are moments when we need time to ourselves.

b. They are my world, even though they try to boss me around!

c. We enjoy looking at each other from afar.

Answer: _____ Points: _____

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