

Bird Collars

Why does your bird need a collar?

This collar has been placed on your parrot to prevent them from self harm: feather plucking, chewing and scratching at their wound or sutures which could cause delays in healing.

These collars are usually placed on your pet for a period of time while the wound heals. Do not remove the collar unless your vet recommends you to do so. It only takes 2 seconds for your parrot to pick at their wound for it to be open again.

Types of Collars

Depending on the size of your parrot and situation, your vet will recommend the best collar to suit the needs of your bird



Cone/Lamp Shade

Usually made of plastic or X-ray film

The edge of the collar closest to the neck is covered with rubber or tape to protect the skin.

Soft Tube Collars

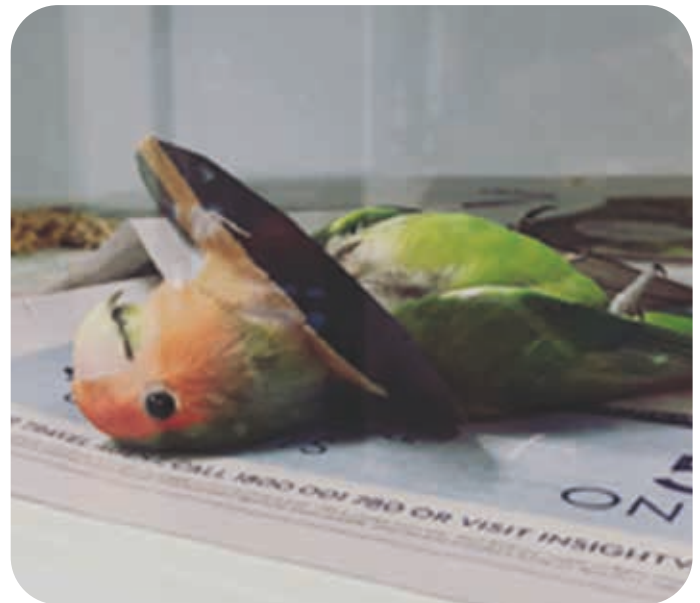
Usually made of foam secured with tape

Elongates the neck so your bird can't reach parts of its body.



Hunger Strike

- Often your pet parrot's food intake would stop or decrease when a collar is placed. It is an emergency if your bird stops eating, so please contact us as soon as possible for advice.
- It is important for a bird to eat due to their high metabolic rates hence the monitoring of your parrot's food intake is important.
- To help your parrot during the time it takes to adjust to its collar,
- Offer favourite treats by hand: sunflower seeds, favourite fruits etc
- Offer regular food in easy to access bowls e.g. shallow bowls that your bird can reach their food and water
- Weigh your parrot daily on kitchen scales to ensure there hasn't been any dramatic weight loss. Contact your vet if your parrot refuses to eat and is experiencing weight loss.



What happens after the collar?

Tantrums

- Most parrots have a little tantrum after the collar goes on. Mainly because it's an alien body that will not come off!
- They might try to attack the collar, chew at the parts they can reach. Occasionally a little tag is added on as a distraction. They may also roll around and upside down to try to attack the collar.
- Tantrums can last for a few minutes or up to several hours. Most parrots learn to adapt to their collars eventually.

Cage Remodelling

Often once a collar goes on, your parrot can't see their feet! So this means your bird is going to be much less agile moving around their cage.

Adjustments can be made by

Lowering all perches to the lower half of the cage to prevent falls

Adding platforms to your birds cage so it has a secure area to stand on

Avoid all opportunities to fly around the house