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# The Complete Book Of Cockatiels



## Synopsis

How can you keep your cockatiel's mind active and engaged? What foods are most nutritious and most interesting for your pet? What do you need to know about mating and breeding behavior? What's the best way to hand-raise chicks so that they get the most from their parents, and from you? All your questions are answered in this complete book for the cockatiel enthusiast, presented in beautiful color. The Complete Book of Cockatiels includes the most recent information on nutrition, breeding and social behavior from the University of California-Davis cockatiel research project. This is a book serious enthusiasts will learn from and novices will treasure. Everything you need to know to keep a healthy, happy bird is here. Topics include choosing a bird, choosing a veterinarian, nutrition and feeding, daily care, enclosure design, socialization and play, treats, toys, training, safety concerns, medical emergencies, communication, behavior and breeding. A selection of stories from cockatiel owners illustrates how these charming birds have changed people's lives. A treat for the eyes and the mind.

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## Customer Reviews

I am an avian health care advisor and author who offers assistance to those who are thinking about acquiring a bird, or to those are experiencing difficulties with bird/s they already have. My experience with birds and other animals stems back to when I was just a very little girl, but I have focused primarily on parrots for the past 11 years. Nearly two years ago when I was presented with the opportunity to rescue a Cockatiel, and since I lack in experience when it comes to this species, I queried my avian list serv buddies about a good book on Tiels. The response was overwhelmingly

that I should get a copy of The Complete Book of Cockatiels by Diane Grindol. I might add that several of those who recommended this book to me have bred Tiels for over 20 years, and although some no longer breed, they own Tiels. I got a copy right away, and I am so glad I did. This is an excellent book for many reasons... Diane does cover all the topics necessary for someone who is interested in getting a Cockatiel eg. requirements of the species, and the topics a beginner would find necessary eg. ongoing care, emergencies, etc. but she also includes information that experienced Tiel folks would find very interesting eg. visual sexing and genetics. The cover is so beautiful, and is one of a kind as far as I am concerned...it is just beautiful. The pictures inside are not only beautiful but informative as well. Generally, when I need info. on a particular species, I will go and buy all the books I can find about it, but after reading Diane's book, I didn't do that!

If you are a cockatiel owner or thinking of becoming one, this is the definitive book to read! Diane Grindol definitely knows her stuff. From nutrition (she knows seeds are a big no-no for parrots health) to mannerisms (why is that crest so high in the air) to toys(what kind they like best), you will find this book to be everything you need. I own several cockatiel books, but always find myself going back to this one for information. Its up to date and if you like pictures, this one has them, too! Consider this your "bible" of cockatiel books.

I purchased this book two years ago when I got my first cockatiel. As a new bird owner, I would have been lost without it. I had purchased two other books on cockatiel care, but this book is more complete, as the title indicates. Even now, I still refer to this book if I need information. It has guided me through nutrition needs, behavior, egg laying, and minor emergencies. If you're considering buying a book about cockatiels - look no further, this book is all that you will need.

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF COCKATIELS should be a really hot seller. As a cockatiel owner I find the book exceptionally helpful. The layout is magnificent, with colored boxes for important information and experiences of other cockatiel owners. The photos are of superb quality and often show step-by-step procedures, such as wing clipping and nail trimming. The manuscript style is fresh and up-to-date. The research from UC-Davis and nutritional information are invaluable. I think the book will be irresistible. Most of the books I have seen are reprints or re-edits of older books. Diane's is spanking new and makes a tremendous contribution to aviculture. I always judge a book's quality on the inclusion of a bibliography and an index. Diane's book has both, plus the added feature of an appendix of resources. I'm really impressed. This book is a must for all cockatiel

owners.

Thanks for writing this wonderful and complete book on cockatiels. We are new bird owners and found the information so valuable and sensible. I was pleased to see the section on the Univ. of Calif. Davis Vet. School cockatiel research. Their vet hospital is where our cockatiel goes for checkups. Also quite useful is the section on nutrition by Tom Roudybush. That is the food our bird eats, so it was informative to read about the research in his own words. The photos and pictures are beautiful. I was able to discover the kind of cockatiel ours is by looking at them... a cinnamon pearl pied! This book is a great reference for cockatiel owners.

This is an excellent book. I have bought several books on tiel's and this is by far the most informative and comprehensive book I have seen. If you have a question, I guarantee this book will have the answer.

I first met the author Diane Grindol when I joined the Monterey Bay Cage Bird Club (MBCBC) (which Diane founded) many years ago. I don't own any cockatiels, but have a pair of Lesser Sulfur Cockatoos and a Blue and Gold Macaw. I have been a member of the American Federation of Aviculture, gone to several of their conventions, bought many books and tapes, read BirdTalk, Bird World and heard numerous speakers over the years. After a while, you develop your own opinions and realize that just because it's in writing doesn't make it so. I FOUND NOTHING IN DIANE'S BOOK THAT I DISAGREE WITH! When I bought my first Cockatoo (and a Cockatiel is a little Cockatoo), it almost died because it wouldn't eat. I joined the MBCBC and learned from other people's experiences. Diane has done an excellent job of condensing these experiences into a 177-page book. I would have liked to see some of Roudybush's graphs on weight gain vs. diet included, but I guess space limitations won't allow. The book is worth the price for the pictures alone.

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