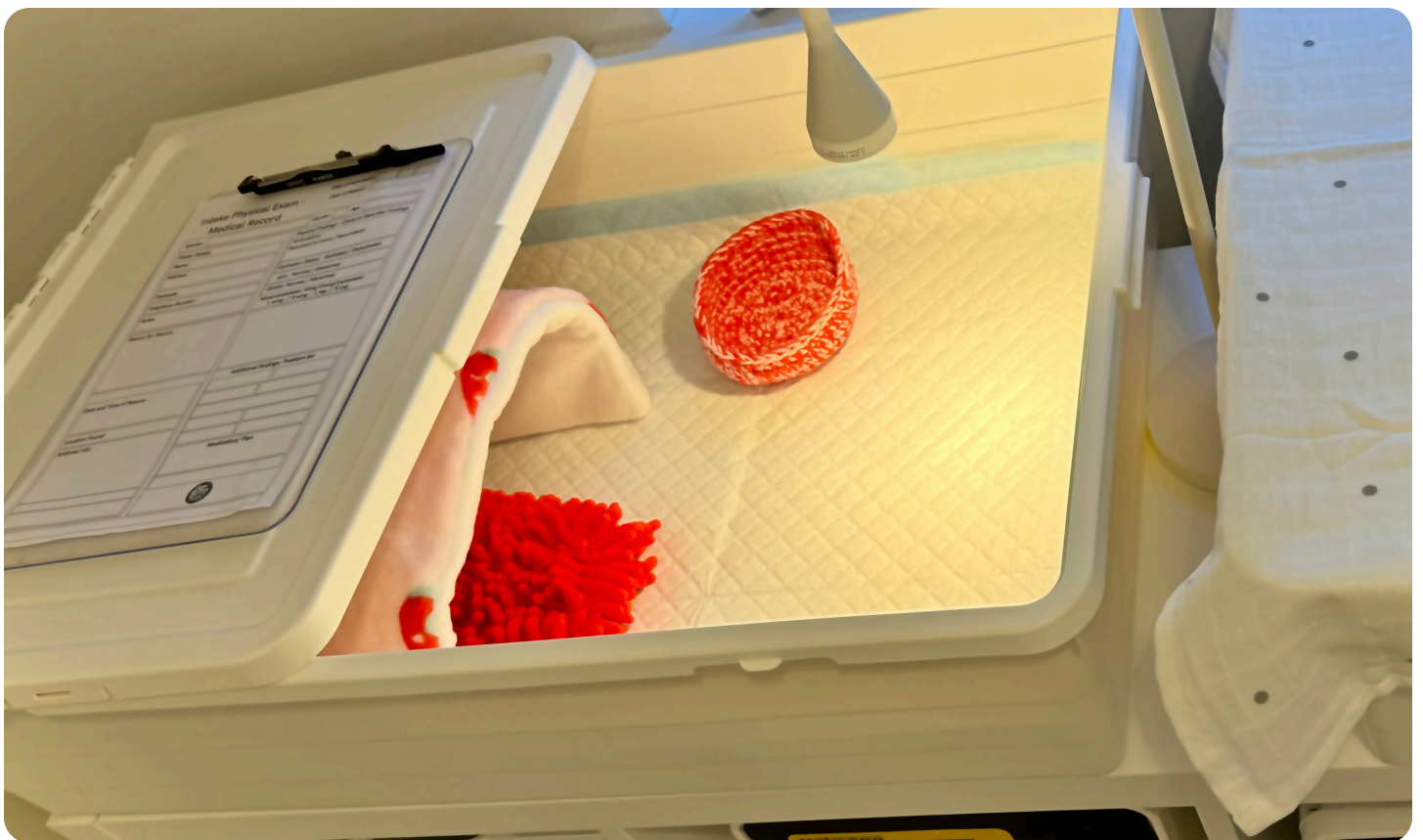




HOUSING

One should never put swifts in a birdcage, because they will panic, struggle and damage their feathers. If the long wing feathers are damaged, the Swift cannot fly.



We keep the swifts in a half-open container of about 30 x 20 x 15 cm.

Swifts in rehabilitation should be kept in a half-open plastic box, a minimum of 30 cm long, 20 cm broad and 15 cm high.

(We use Ikea boxes). It is vital that the swifts have a very clean environment (we use a Levoit Air Purifier) to keep the room air clear so that their plumage is optimal. The bottom of the plastic enclosures must be lined, puppy pads and kitchen rolls are recommended, as is changing them after soiling.



We find placing a tea towel or cloth on one end of the covered box will encourage the swifts to have a good stretch out of the wings and promotes muscle condition! Swifts are conformed and partial to soft fleece clothes, soft hide-outs (their shy creatures who deserve some privacy too) and use of microfibre car hand mitts are favorable to many of them.



Levoit Air Purifier

Acute cases, naked swift chicks need to be maintained in a more controlled area.



We use Brinsea TLC-30 Advanced Digitally Controlled Intensive Care Unit / Brooder - For the Critical Care Needs of Young, Sick, Injured or Weak Birds.