**Casanova’s Quakers**

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 **Tips for you, and your new Quaker**

\* Cage: We recommend a cage no smaller than 20x20x30, with ½” bar spaces, with preferably a pull out

drawer in the bottom, for easy cleaning. Your bird will be living in here all day, as you go on with your day, so he needs room, and things to play with to keep him occupied while you are away.

\* A sand/stone perch should be placed at a higher point inside the cage. This gives them a sense of security, and will be used for keeping their nails and beaks trimmed.

\* Give them plenty of water, and fresh fruits and vegetables daily. Do not give seed diet, as it does not have nutritional value. I give Zupreem Fruit Blend pelleted food, and fruits and vegetables. Here are some of their favorites:

Fruits: (NO seeds) apples, grapes, oranges, pears, bananas, and fresh cranberries.

Vegetables: corn on the cob, broccoli, cauliflower, spaghetti squash, mashed potatoes, corn bread.

\*\*\*keep in mind….avocado, mushrooms, and chocolate are poisonous to a bird, among others…when in doubt, do NOT give it to them until you check. www.parrots.org/poisons

\* Safety: Wings clipped – Some people do not like to clip wings. I find it easier to train a bird, when he can’t fly away, and focus better on you. It does not hurt the bird, and will help him land safely, but he will not gain altitude, unless there is a pushing draft to lift him.

\* Packed flour or corn starch will stop bleeding.

\* Ceiling fans can kill a bird! Always turn fans off before letting your bird out of the cage.

\* I do not recommend taking your bird outside. If you must….watch for birds of prey, or other animals, and updrafts to lift him up and scare him away.

\* Cleaners such as Febreeze, oven cleaners, oven bags, and Teflon pans put off a poison that can kill a bird. So please be very cautious of what you use in your home.

\* Traveling: Traveling with your quaker may be fun, but check here to see if you are going to, or through a state where quakers are illegal to possess, and if caught, may be euthanized. Both of these are helpful:

 [www.quakerparakeetsociety.org](http://www.quakerparakeetsociety.org) and <https://mrbeanva.tripod.com/legalq.htm>

 We hope that you have a long and fun filled life with your new friend, and you both get to enjoy a lot of learning together! And remember, if you have any questions, (there are **NO stupid questions!!)** give us a call, as they are our babies too!!

Regards,

Lonna & Brad Newby