



Fun fact ↻ “Caique”
is pronounced
kah-EEK.

Caique Parrot at a Glance

Difficulty of care: **Intermediate to Advanced**

Average lifespan: **Up to 30 years with proper care**

Diet: **60–70% high-quality pellets, 20% fruits
and vegetables, up to 10% seeds/treats**

Minimum habitat size: **At least 36” L x 24” W x 48” H**

Temperature: **65–80 F**



Enclosure Setup & Maintenance

- Provide a cage at least 3 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 4 feet tall, with bar spacing no wider than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. The cage should be large enough for your bird to fully stretch and flap their wings. Place it in a busy, well-lit, draft-free area away from other pets. Keep temperatures between 65–80 F.
- Line the bottom with paper-based bedding. Install a full-spectrum 5.0 UVB light for 10–12 hours daily, positioned 12–18 inches from the highest perch. Offer perches made of rope, wood, or concrete, sized 1–1.25 inches in diameter. Avoid sandpaper or gravel perches. Do not place perches above food or water bowls.
- Provide a variety of toys made of cardboard, paper, plastic, or wood. Rotate toys regularly, changing only one at a time. Spot-clean daily and wash bowls every day. Deep-clean the cage weekly and allow everything to dry before reassembling.



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Supply Checklist

- Large cage
- Habitat paper or liner
- Food and water bowls
- High-quality pelleted food
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Cuttlebone and holder
- Millet or seed treats
- Variety of chew toys
- Perches (appropriate diameter)
- Full-spectrum UVB light
- Misting spray bottle
- Play gym

Diet

Feed pellets as 60–70% of the diet, and add fruits and vegetables for about 20%. Seeds and millet should be treats only (no more than 10%). Do not share human food with your bird. Avoid fruit seeds, chocolate, avocados, alcohol, and caffeine. Provide a cuttlebone for calcium, and offer a shallow water dish for bathing or gently mist your bird.

Fun fact ↪ Black-headed, white-bellied caiques are the most popular variety.

Health

Healthy caiques are social and vocal with clean eyes, nostrils, feathers, and feet. Their beak should be symmetrical, and wings should move freely. Schedule annual veterinary visits for your bird.

Call your vet if you notice discharge, wheezing, limping, feather plucking, bleeding feathers, regurgitation, loss of appetite, runny droppings, or an overgrown beak.



Fun fact ↪ Caiques are very intelligent and need daily mental stimulation.