



# PELLETS vs SEEDS

## WHY PELLETS ARE BETTER FOR YOUR BIRD

Nutrition is complex – making sure your birds are well fed is not simple. There is a vast difference between a typical seed diet and a fully formulated pellet. Vetafarm has been manufacturing pelleted bird diets for over 25 years – in fact, we were the first in Australia to recognise that there is a better way to feed birds, and began making fully balanced, extruded diets in our Wagga Wagga facility.



### VETAFARM PELLETS



Scientifically formulated to provide a complete diet with balanced proteins, fats, amino acids, vitamins and minerals, ensuring your bird gets the nutrients it needs.



Pellets greatly reduce the waste in an aviary. Being 100% edible you get maximum benefit from the pellets. Less waste – less cleaning!



Balanced amino acids (the building blocks of protein) allow the optimum development of feathers and immune system. Birds on pellets will look vibrant and healthy – because they are!



Breeding birds do better on pellets. More and healthier chicks from a fortified diet.



Vetafarm Pellets give a parrot owners cost effective peace of mind with diets formulated by avian veterinarians and manufactured under strict Quality Assurance systems.



There are no detailed analyses of ingredients. Grains are subject to wide variations in nutrients depending on seasons and regions where they are grown. Many grains are nutrient deficient.



Seed mixes contain "filler seeds". These seeds are cheap but not eaten by the bird – e.g. cracked corn. Seeds also require dehulling and along with the filler seeds may equate to 60% of a seed mix - which ends up on the cage floor!



Most seeds are deficient in the essential amino acids – Lysine and Methionine. Amino Acid deficient diets lead to poor feathering, low vitality and increased disease risk.



Breeding birds on seed diets struggle to find adequate calcium and Vitamin D3 for growing chicks. Bone fractures are common.



Seed diets are a lottery – you cannot know the nutrient balance of a mixed seed diet. Seed diets require constant supply of supplements to try and "fill the holes" in the seed mix.

Pellets should be fed as 80% of your bird's total diet. The other factors are made up of 15% fresh fruit and vegetables, and the remaining 5% treats. If you have any questions about our extruded pellets, or want some more information, you can contact us or visit our website today.

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