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  - k. Be provided fresh water daily and have 24-hour access to the water dish.
  - l. Be provided a suitable bedding area. Bedding should be cleaned or changed as needed. Dirty bedding should be processed or disposed of as necessary.
  - m. Be permitted outside the facility only if under the supervision of a staff member, a responsible person or within a fenced area.
  - n. Be regularly groomed and receive a bath whenever indicated.
2. Residential birds:
- a. Should be treated by a licensed veterinarian with an approved chloramphenicol treatment regimen prior to being housed at the institution to ensure the absence of psittacosis. The period of treatment varies between 30 to 45 days and is species-dependent. A signed statement from the veterinarian indicating such treatment should be kept in the bird's file.
  - b. That die, or are suspected of having psittacosis, should be immediately taken to the facility's veterinarian. In the event the bird dies and the veterinarian is not available, the bird's body should be securely wrapped in impermeable wrapping material and frozen until veterinary consultation is available.
3. Residential hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, domestic rabbits, laboratory mice or rats should be examined yearly by a licensed veterinarian for health status. A health certificate should be completed for each animal or group of animals. Any animal which becomes sick or dies should be promptly taken to the facility's veterinarian.

Annotations

## Notes

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