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HOW TO MAKE AN “AVIAN HOSPITAL BOX”

Date: _____ Patient Name: _____

Keep Bird Confined Until: _____

Supplies Needed: Cardboard Box, Duct Tape (the plastic type/not fiber), Plexiglass square (12” x 12”) with protective covering removed from both sides, Food and water dishes, optional Wooden dowel perch.

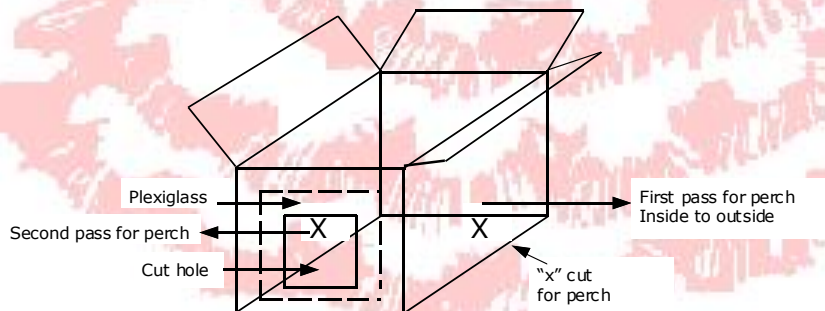
Purchase a cardboard box 16” high or taller including the flaps. The width and depth should measure enough to allow the bird to move freely and turn around without bending it’s tail (four times the bird’s surface area plus room for food and water dishes; i.e. for budgie 14” x 24” or cockatiel 24” x 24”).

Once the box is constructed, cut a square 11” x 11” in one side of the shortest width or depth starting the cut 1.5” from the bottom of the box. For example, if it is a 14” x 24” box use the 14” side. Place plexiglass square inside the box and secure it to the opening with duct tape on all four edges. Make sure it is low enough for the bird to see out of the box.

Next, if a perch is to be installed, cut two “X”’s in each of the longer faces approximately centered and ½-1 inch from the box’s floor depending on species. Take wooden dowel (patient’s foot should be able to cover 65-75% of the circumference of the selected dowel/perch). Start from the inside of the box and press the dowel through the “X” on the box’s right face towards the outside of the box. Then redrive the dowel, from the inside to the outside, through the “X” on the left face of the box.

If done correctly, the perch will be held in place with each of four “Δ” flanges at the outside holding the perch in place. Secure the perch by taping the cardboard “Δ” flanges to the perch surface. The box flaps can be TeePeed “Λ” at night for security.

Diagram of a completed box:



Special Instructions:

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