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# The Conure Handbook (Barron's Pet Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Titles in Barron's popular series of Pet Handbooks present comprehensive information and helpful advice from breeders, veterinarians, and other pet experts. These full-color books instruct on housing, feeding, healthcare, and more. In *The Conure Handbook*, prospective and current conure owners can learn about the proper way to care and interact with this small, intelligent, and sociable member of the parrot family.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book a while back when my granddaughter Rita became interested in Conures. I thought we were going to get a Conure for her, but we ended up buying a Cockatiel and Grandma got the Conure. I have four Cockatiels and they are the sweetest birds, so I thought the best pet for a child (Rita is a responsible 12-year old) might not be a Conure, as they are described as being somewhat vocal. I discovered a Blue-Crested (Crowned) Conure in need of a home at my local bird store and became fascinated with him. Vinnie, as he is known, had been previously owned by an older woman who could no longer care for him. He is a sweet bird and he talks, so I having read Ms Watkins book decided to give it a whirl, and I brought him home. Now I can honestly say that a Conure can be as sweet as a Cockatiel. He makes some noises like a Crow, but I have three barking Poms, so he is mild in comparison (and he's learned to bark). *THE CONURE HANDBOOK* by Anne Watkins has proved a goldmine for this impulsive bird owner. Watkins explains how to choose a new baby or do what I did, and look for an older Conure who exhibits good traits (including healthy). The idea that the only bird you can have is a newborn ain't necessarily so. Some older

birds for sale or adoption have been put into care because their former owners simply could not take care of them anymore. MY new Conure Vinnie is getting along well with my "shelter" Cockatiels, and I use Ms Watkins book to inform me about foods Vinnie can eat as well as other requirements. The book is filled with easy to read text and many photos of the various members of the Conure species. Based on my experience, I am thinking I may purchase more and different buddies.

This is a very informative book on conures that explains everything that you will ever need to know about conures - from what to feed - how to treat them - how to tame - how to teach them to talk. I would use these book over any other book. I ordered other books and wouldn't use any other. This is the book to use.

I am a new conure owner, and i wanted to make sure I am doing things right from the beginning. This book gives some very good insight into the basics, such as selecting the cage, picking toys, interactions, grooming, possible health issues, and so on. However, it does not go into much detail in other areas. For example, the book advocates throughout having the bird's wings clipped and not letting them fly. It does not mention anything about what to do if you choose to keep your conure flightful, the process of learning to fly, the dangers and obstacles, and so on. The book talks a little about diet, however it does not go into the details of conure nutrition needs, and pretty much leaves you on your own if your bird is having issues - "go talk to a veterinarian". There is a brief mention of training, but no specific examples of how to elicit certain behaviors, deter undesired ones, how to use a reward system, or anything of the sort. The book mentions that the bird "might learn to talk", i.e. mimic human language, but no specific detail on how to stimulate it, or interpret it once / if it happens.

I thought this book was great for all conure owners, or if you are considering a conure. The information given was on the basics like feeding, housing, illnesses; what to watch out for. Foods, do's and don'ts....DON'T feed your conure avocado, it will kill your bird! I wouldn't have known this if I didn't research. I highly recommend this book if you are considering owning any type of conure!GREAT BOOK with GREAT INFO!

This is a nice book for someone who is THINKING about gettin a conure. There is plenty there about different kinds of conures, what kind of behavior to expect, what type of cage to get, etc. Unfortunately, if you already have one, there isn't enough solid, tested information on things like

symptoms and behaviors, things that are keys to understanding what your bird needs. I was hoping to see something on how to get rid of bad behaviors, how to properly interact with the bird to avoid them, but found very little on that. I'd also like to see some in-line references to other reading material - instead I ended up spending barely an hour reading this book and put it away with almost as many questions as I had before.

Book has general knowledge of different breeds of conures. Most of the information on housing, training etc is very general. The parts regarding diet are very good. The book is helpful for the most part, but lacks more in depth information. This was the first book I bought when I got my conure. I plan on buying a few more books to round out my knowledge.

We have two conures in Panama, so I gave this book to the girlfriend for her birthday. She's delighted that so much information on these cool little birds is available in one book. Easy, entertaining reading, and covers about anything you would want to know.

Very good book for a first time conure owner. Beautiful color photos and good information. I gave it a 4 because I'm still looking for more information on bird language. It is a small book and pack with as much information a small book can hold.

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