Oven Fresh Bites

FRESHLY BAKED AVIAN DIETS

THE ONLY OVEN BAKED AVIAN DIET Just like you would prepare in your kitchen

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Convert Your Bird to a Healthier Diet with Baked Bird Food

Avian veterinarians recommend that your bird's daily diet consist of at least 75% pellets or prepared diet. An avian bird tends to be habitual and are often finicky eaters, suspicious of new food items they are generally inclined to eat what is familiar. An avian bird is also instinctively inquisitive and Oven Fresh Bites natural bird food is quickly recognized as food. The gourmet pellets/nuggets are natural and palatable; offering a textured and natural food that your bird will love. The greatest difficulty in converting your bird to Oven Fresh Bites nutritious bird food is getting them to identify it as food, having crossed that bridge you're basically home free. Review the conversion methods below and select the one which appears to be most appropriate for your avian bird.

Most of our pets do not have a choice regarding their primary diet, that decision is predetermined by their owners. The most important factor in successfully converting your avian bird to Oven Fresh Bites gourmet bird food is your determination that your pet will eat a nutritious, well balanced, natural diet.

Natural Conversion Methods

Association Feeding:

Combine 50% of the seed based or other diet with an equal amount of **Oven Fresh Bites** gourmet bird food. Fill food bowl approximately 30%. Feed three times daily for 15 -30 minutes, remove avian food and check to see how much of each food type has been consumed. If the avian bird has eaten more of the **Oven Fresh Bites** gourmet bird food, increase the amount with each feeding until the bird is eating 100% of its new and nutritious diet. This method may take a few days or weeks, it depends entirely on how your avian bird responds. The advantage of the association feeding technique is you're knowing that your bird will not go without food, but will have an appetite at each scheduled feeding.

Immediate Transition Feeding:

Offer a few of the **Oven Fresh Bites™** gourmet nuggets as a treat for several days and remove all bird food from the cage at night. Feed the regular diet free choice during the day. After several days introduce 100%**Oven Fresh Bites** gourmet bird food for the morning feeding, check in afternoon, if the bird has not eaten the food well remove the new diet and replace with ¾ of the normal ration of the original bird food, remove it before bedtime. During the next few weeks increase the amount of time that the morning portion of **Oven Fresh Bites** nutritious bird food is left in the cage before giving the bird an evening feeding with the previous diet. Repeat the process until the morning ration is fully consumed and offer a second helping in the evening.

Instinctive Feeding:

Most birds, especially psittacines, prefer to feed from the treetops or the highest elevation possible where the risk of exposure to predators is minimal. To capitalize on this natural behavior feed a 50% ration of the regular food in its original position, add another similar bowl which contains an equal amount of **Oven Fresh Bites** nutritious bird food in the highest location possible in the cage and add a water vessel nearby. Because bird prefers the higher location many are inclined to investigate the new bowl and test its contents. Observe the amount of bird food remaining in each bowl at the end of the day. As the amount of food consumed from the top bowl increases, you should proportionally decrease the amount of food in the lower bowl. Eventually the bird will be eating only **Oven Fresh Bites** gourmet bird food. This method ensures that your bird will never be without a familiar food and you won't be concerned with the time required to make a complete transition. If your bird offers resistance to this natural and nutritious food, try these helpful hints which have proven to be successful for other bird owners.

Helpful Hints

Your bird may not immediately recognize the new diet as food, be patient. Try introducing **Oven Fresh Bites** gourmet bird food as treats, especially out of the cage! Heat or moisten the nutritious nuggets. Try hiding in a favorite foraging device, promote investigating the bird food. Your avian bird might benefit from exposure to a converted role model. If your bird remains reluctant to experiment with the new food seek additional advice from your veterinarian.

Consult Your Veterinarian

Your avian veterinarian will evaluate your bird's overall health; after your bird has received a wellness exam you will

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be ready to begin the conversion process to our natural gourmet food. Your veterinarian will help you identify existing stressors which might influence a transition, initial and monitor your bird's progress throughout the conversion process if necessary. Your avian bird may consume approximately 20% of their body weight in food daily. Expect a weight loss of approximately 10% during the transition period. Malnutrition and obesity are the number one health risk reported in companion birds, lack of exercise, loss of flight and a diet of fatty seed diets are the most common causes. These issues can be remedied by using a nutritionally balanced diet such as **Oven Fresh Bites** nutritious and gourmet bird food.

Do's and Don'ts When Changing Diets

Do keep your veterinarian in the loop.
Don't change the diet if or when your bird is sick
Do monitor your birds droppings
Do know your birds weight? You may want to purchase a gram scale to track your birds weight on a daily basis
Do provide clean, fresh water every day
Don't be impatient, conversion to a new diet may not always be easy but the long term health benefits will be worth the effort
Don't use additional vitamin or mineral supplements

Feeding Instructions

Oven Fresh Bites gourmet bird food is formulated to be fed free choice and is intended to be your bird's primary source of nutrition representing 75% of your pet's daily food consumption. Nuts and seeds should not exceed 5 – 10% while fruits and vegetables may be 10 – 15%.

The following is a list of recommended produce: papaya, sweet potatoes, spinach, chard, mango, carrots, parsley, banana, pumpkin, broccoli, cranberries, corn, snap peas, English peas, blueberries, peppers, romaine and more.

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