Society Finch

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The sweet sound of singing and chirping are yours all year when you house Society Finches. Appropriately named, these domesticated birds are very accustomed to and comfortable with people, and they do not suffer stress in captivity as easily as other species. They're very hardy and have no problem with eating, bathing, or singing in the presence of humans.

Society Finches do not exist in the wild. They are a totally domesticated species, and there is much debate over their origins and history. Some believe they are the product of inter-species breeding in China, dating back many centuries. Others believe they are a domesticated form of the Striated Finch (white-rump mannikin). One thing is certain; their history has always been controversial.

Interesting Facts:

Species:	**Society Finch**
Family:	Estrildedae
Genus:	*Lonchura domestica*
Size:	Averages 5"
Housing:	The more room you can give them, the better; an aviary is a great choice for these birds, and they can be housed in groups or even mixed with other finch species. They like to sleep in a nest even when not breeding, so it's best to provide some kind of nest box.
Behavior:	These are very social birds, and are accustomed to being handled by people. They make such excellent parents that they're often used to foster chicks of other birds in the family Estrildedae.
Diet:	Simple diet of seed, cuttlebone, and water, but they can adapt to new foods. During breeding, provide sprouted seed and egg food. Parents use these soft foods to feed their young. If you plan to use your societies for fostering, it is important to feed them a diet

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	you want the fostered chicks to eat.
Owner Challenges:	Their inquisitive, social nature may interfere with the breeding of shyer species, when housed together.
Life Span:	5-10 years
Average Cost:	$5-$20

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