

# Is Your Air Safe For You and your parrot spend You and Your Bird? How safe is your air?

most of your time indoors.





# **Choke Point** 7 things in your house • Nonstick

that can be deadly for vour pet bird.

- Candles
- pans
- Bug sprays
- Aerosols
- Self-cleaning ovens
- Smoking
- Chemical cleaners









# **Messy Birds**

Our pet birds do their share of contributing to air pollution in the home.

## **Dustiest Parrots**







Cockatoo, Cockatiel, African Grey

# Sources of Bird **Pollutants**

- Dander
- Droppings
- Powder down dust
- Food
- **Feathers**



owners think the mess is the most difficult part about owning a parrot.

1. Boston Fern (Nephrolepis

bostoniensis)

2. Dragon Tree

(Dracaena draco)

# 6 of the EPA's Top 10 Asthma-Inducing

BAD FOR THEM,

We've come a long way from

canaries into coal mines, but

there's no denying that many

of the things that can sicken

your bird are bad for you too.

BAD FOR YOU

the days when we sent

# Pollutants Are Bad for Your Bird Too<sup>2</sup>

- Secondhand smoke
- Molds
- Nitrogen dioxide
- Wood smoke
- Chemical irritants
- Outdoor air pollution



1 in 12 people have asthma<sup>3</sup> 8% of U.S. Population

# Clean & Clear

Both you and your bird will thrive in a home that's kept free of air pollutants.



### Use An Air Cleaner

HEPA filters are capable of removing close to

99.97% of particles down to .3 microns in size from the indoor atmosphere.

# Use Plants!1



# 3. Rubber Plant (Ficus elastica)

# Manage Your Bird's Mess

#### Daily

- ✓ Change cage liner
- ✓ Spot clean the cage
- √ Clean/wash bowls
- √ Vacuum around cage

# Weekly

- √ Remove all items in cage
- √ Clean/disinfect all items in cage
- ✓ Clean filters and disinfect humidifiers
- √ Hose down cage

#### Monthly

- ✓ Wash window screens
- ✓ Dust window covers
- ✓ Clean windows
- ✓ Dust and clean shelves and electronics

# Go All Natural 9 bird-friendly natural cleansers that are good for your home, you and your bird

#### Lemon juice

- · Soap scum
- Hardwater deposits Note: Lemon juice may

bleach things if left out in the sunlight



## Cornstarch

- Removes grease
- Window cleaning
- Carpet cleaning

#### Hydrogen peroxide

 Stains Note: Dilute with water before use

#### **Baking soda**

- Deodorizing Scrub
- surfaces like a nonabrasive cleanser

#### Vinegar

- · All-purpose cleaner
- Disinfectant
- Deodorizer Note: Dilute by adding equal parts water to equal parts vinegar

#### Club soda

- Spills on carpet
- Can be used in place of vinegar to clean windows or mirrors

## Olive oil

 Polishing wood stains



#### **Plant-based** soap

- Combined with hot water, can loosen dirt and dried-on poop on cages
- Use to clean bowls and dishes

### **Hot water**

- Can loosen dirt and dried-on poop on cage bars

