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CARE OF GUINEAS



SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

Keets require specialized, rapidly expanding space as they grow to 10 weeks to prevent stress and feather pecking. Plan for 0.5 sq ft per keet for the first 2-3 weeks, increasing to at least 1-1.5 sq ft by 4-6 weeks, and expanding to 2-3 sq ft per bird by 10 weeks.

BEDDING:

For the first 10 weeks, guinea keets need dry, absorbent, and non-slippery bedding to prevent leg issues, with clean pine shavings being the preferred choice. Use puppy pads or paper towels for the first 3-5 days to prevent ingestion and ensure traction, then transition to 2-4 inches of wood shavings, keeping them clean and dry.

HEAT:

Keep keets in a warm brooder starting at 95°F the first week, reducing by 5°F each week until fully feathered. Watch keet behavior closely — huddling means they're cold, spreading far apart means they're too hot.

FEEDING:

Guinea keets require a high-protein diet for rapid growth, starting with 24%-28% protein turkey or gamebird starter crumbs for the first 5-8 weeks, followed by a transition to an 18%-20% protein grower feed. Proper hydration and high-protein intake are critical for developing strong feathers and immunity.

WATER:

Provide clean, fresh water at all times using shallow or drown-proof waterers. Dip each keet's beak in water when first placing them in the brooder so they learn where to drink.

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