Picky Parrot Products

Parrot Collars Designed for Parrots that Pick in Four Styles

Circle Collars (stiffer)
Poncho Collars (lighter, allows more movement)
Neck Wraps (support for collars or used alone)
Cone Collars (follows head movement and allows better sight range)

- Allows movement
- Soft, flexible and comfortable fleece collars
- Machine or hand wash, dry in dryer
- Adjustable
- Easy to take on and off
- Allows air flow to feathers and surgical wounds to heal

There are four kinds of collars: Cone Collars, Circle Collars, Poncho Collars and Neck Wraps:

Cone Collars are effective for:
- Providing maximum eyesight range for the bird
- Rotating with other collars to provide variety and protection

Circle Collars are effective for:
- Aggressive pickers as collars deny beak access to backs and chests
- Parrots with surgical wounds
- Rotating with other collars to provide variety and protection

Poncho Collars are effective for: (they are lighter and allow more movement)
- Smaller birds that require X-Small and Small—see list below
- Parrots that throw themselves on their backs and have fits when a collar is placed on them.
- Rotating with other collars to provide variety and protection

A combination of Cone Collars, Circle Collars and Poncho Collars are effective for:
- Rotating to provide variety and protection
- Used together to prevent picking on/under the wings

Neck Wraps with fringe are effective for:
- Wearing under collars to raise the collar off the wings
- Used together with other collars to prevent picking on/under the wings
- To be worn above others collar for extra protection if the bird has figured out how to remove collars
- Used by itself for neck pickers
Directions

1. To correctly fit the collar, you may need a pair of scissors.
2. Calmly put your parrot on your lap. Stay calm; let your parrot investigate the collar.
3. Explain to you parrot what you plan to do.
4. Slip collar around birds neck. Check to be sure neck opening is not too tight. If the collar is too tight remove the collar and increase the opening until it is a comfortable fit. If the collar is too long you can shorten it by cutting along the concentric circular stitching lines. Please do a little at a time.
5. You can now attach the collar to your parrot by the Velcro or industrial snap enclosures.
6. Always supervise your bird in its collar/poncho. If your bird stresses too much with the collar/poncho on, take it off and try it a little later. Slowly introduce the collar/poncho to your parrot.
7. Rope perches are good to use with collars as they are not slippery—and the parrot can grip the rope perch and feel more secure. I also have toys in different locations for them to preen and to hold on to and move about easier.
8. Your personal notes:

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Cleaning Instructions

- Hand or machine wash in cool water and a mild detergent without any fragrance
- Dry in clothes dryer
Sizes and Pricing

- **X-Small**: 5” diameter—Parakeets, Cockatiels, Lovebirds, and small Conures
- **Small**: 7” diameter—Quakers, Pionus and Timneh Grey, small Eclectus
- **Medium**: 9” diameter—African Grey, Eclectus, small Cockatoo and Goffins
- **Large**: 11” diameter—Macaws and large Cockatoos (Mollucans, Umbrellas)
- **X-large**: custom diameter, please call.

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**Extras:**

Snap closures (replaces Velcro closures):

- $4 for X-Small and Small; $6 for Medium; $8 for Large and $10 for X-Large

Collars can be made extra stiff for $9 each for X-Small–Medium; $13 each for Large–X-Large.

**Shipping:**

- $4 for two X-Small or Medium collars shipped in the US
- $4 per Large and X-large collars shipped in the US
- Destinations outside the US will be quoted per order

Picky Parrots Products accepts PayPal [payable to: parrotretweet@q.com](mailto:parrotretweet@q.com) and checks; checks must clear before orders are shipped.

A $2 PayPal fee applies for every $50 of the order:

- Up to $50 = $2
- $51 to $99 = $4
- $100 to $149 = $6
- $150 to $200 = $8

For questions, please contact [parrotretweet@q.com](mailto:parrotretweet@q.com) or 541-618-8444

Patent Pending.
Picky Parrot Collars for Parrots that Pick

With over 30 years experience handling, breeding and dealing with behavioral and medical problems in parrots, I have been testing and perfecting these collars on numerous parrots since 2005. These products are soft, comfortable and have been tested for long durations on several types of parrots.

Remember to always seek medical advice to rule out any health issue(s), which may be the cause of the feather picking.

This collection of collars is especially designed to help aid birds that are undergoing natural or health problems that cause them to pick their feathers. They are recommended for daily use to deter picking as well as aid the healing process. Collars also aid in behavioral problems in stressed birds that pick.

These collars can be easily adapted to your parrot. The neck opening can be cut larger and the length shortened by cutting along the concentric circular stitching lines. If you cut the neck opening too big, simply attach the Neck Wrap and place the Cone Collar, Circle Collar or Poncho Collar over the Neck Wrap to secure the collars.

The Circle Collar is firmer and very effective in the beginning while wounds are healing, feathers are beginning to regrow or for aggressive pickers. The Circle Collar can be alternated with the Poncho Collar.

The Poncho Collar is used after feathers emerge, wounds heal or with the collar. Depending on your parrot, you may be able to alternate between the Circle Collar and Poncho Collar in the beginning or during the healing process. Also, rotating the collars provides variety for your parrot.

The Neck Wrap can be worn under the collar to raise the collar off the wings if the parrot has plucked there. The Neck Wrap can be worn above the collar to add extra protection and keep the parrot from figuring out how to get to its feathers or wound. The Neck Wrap can be used by itself, without the Poncho Collar or Circle Collar.

Velcro closures are standard. Snap closures and extra stiffening are available also.

Jeannie

This is my beloved miracle Jeannie, the real creator of Picky Parrots Collars. This is her in one of my early creations, her story follows…
Let me introduce myself and Jeannie, our wonderful miracle girl: I am Patti Lemaire and my love for parrots hit like a hurricane 40 years ago. This storm that overcame me was life changing in many ways. I could go on and on, but this is about Jeannie and not me.

So here we go; I love baby African Greys and while I was living in Colorado I found an ad in the Bird Club Newsletter for baby Greys to wean out. My pair was not producing. I knew how to hand feed and had all the equipment necessary to handle this so I purchased Jeannie and her sister, Sweetie Pie. After raising them I could not let them go, so I kept them as my personal birdie kids.

One day Jeannie announced that she was in love with Rocky, aka “Rocky Roonie,” a very dapper young man. They set up house keeping and actually had a baby and I did not even know it. I had this nest box on top of a cage and the kids would all play in it.

Thank goodness I checked out the box, because inside was the biggest baby Grey I had ever seen. Learned my lesson from that one, no more playing in nest boxes. No one was locked up and they could come out and go into their cages as they wished. Who would have thought this would happen and that I would not know about it?

A few years later, I was feeding and doing a regular cage clean up and I noticed that Jeannie had an open sore on her chest. I did not have a clue how this happened, there was no blood, only a open wound the size of a quarter. This was the beginning of Picky Parrot Collars.

Open wounds are difficult enough to treat and this one was a real challenge because round wounds cannot be sutured—there’s no skin to pull together.

So I had to come up with something to keep her from picking the wound. We tried wash cloths with a neck hole, they were too stringy and if she chewed them could be very dangerous. I tried various materials and they were unsafe as well.

I tried the plastic collars; the x-ray film collars, not good because of the lead content; neck plastic collars; which were inconvenient because if food got between the collar and neck you had to unscrew the collar, clean it and reattach it again—not an easy task.

I worked with many fabrics and materials to make the collars as comfortable, flexible, soft and safe as possible.

The plastic as interfacing did not work because it would melt or bubble if dried in dryer. I wanted the collar to be adjustable so it would be easy for each customer to trim it to the appropriate length and enlarge the neck if needed and I wanted it not to fray.

The collar that was most needed would be able to be machine washed and dried.

Air flow is very important to heal open wounds or allow feathers to grow. I had to be certain not to restrict this situation, nothing against the body.

The material could not be could get tangled up while wearing. I tried to put myself in the parrots’ feathers and see “what is wanted and needed.” With each collar I created, Jeannie was my little tester—and she would wear each and every one and without complaint.

If there was a correction to be made, Jeannie would surely find it. This was an ongoing effort on her part for over seven years—we were a team working toward a goal to hopefully help other parrots in need of a collar.

Jeannie had one other problem requiring a collar—her preening gland got impacted. So back with a collar, and this time it seemed like we were finally getting the collar the way it would work for all. She took a few months to heal and the collar was to come off the next morning. I promised her that the collar would come off and that I wanted to monitor her with it off during the day.

I woke the next day very excited about removing the collar and found her passed away. Her journey was complete, she had come to do what she needed to do.

She has left behind something very wonderful for the parrot world. If your parrot needs a collar—really needs a collar—thank our dear Jeannie for her contribution.

Patti Lemaire can be reached on Facebook at:
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Her collars are worn by discerning pluckers everywhere—and all are custom made in memory of Jeannie.