

# Practical Dove Keeping: The Complete Guide to Raising and Caring for Doves

Doves are beautiful, gentle birds that make wonderful companions. They are relatively easy to care for, making them a great choice for both experienced bird owners and those new to the hobby.



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This comprehensive guide will provide you with everything you need to know about dove keeping, from choosing the right breed to providing proper housing, feeding, and care.

## Choosing the Right Dove Breed

There are over 300 species of doves in the world, so it's important to do your research before choosing the right breed for you. Different breeds have different temperaments, sizes, and care requirements.

Some of the most popular dove breeds for beginners include:

- **White doves:** These are the most common type of dove and are known for their gentle nature and beautiful white plumage.
- **Diamond doves:** These small doves are native to Australia and are known for their black and white diamond-shaped markings.
- **Mourning doves:** These doves are found throughout North America and are known for their mournful call.

## **Dove Housing**

Doves need a spacious and secure home. The ideal dovecote should be at least 6 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 4 feet high. It should be made of a sturdy material, such as wood or metal, and should have plenty of ventilation.

The dovecote should be placed in a sheltered area, away from predators. It should also be easy to clean and maintain.

## **Dove Feeding**

Doves are mainly seed eaters. A good quality dove mix will provide them with the nutrients they need. You can also supplement their diet with fruits, vegetables, and fresh greens.

It is important to provide doves with a constant supply of fresh water.

## **Dove Breeding**

Doves are monogamous birds and will mate for life. They will typically start breeding in the spring. The female dove will lay 2-4 eggs at a time.

The eggs will hatch after about 14 days. The chicks will be fed by both parents for the first few weeks of their lives.

## Dove Care

Doves are relatively low-maintenance birds. However, they do require some basic care to stay healthy and happy.

Here are some tips for dove care:

- Keep the dovecote clean and free of debris.
- Provide doves with a fresh supply of food and water every day.
- Monitor doves for any signs of illness or injury.
- Take doves to the veterinarian for regular checkups.

Dove keeping is a rewarding hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. By following the tips in this guide, you can provide your doves with the care they need to live long, healthy, and happy lives.

If you are interested in learning more about dove keeping, I encourage you to Free Download a copy of my book, **Practical Dove Keeping**. This book covers everything you need to know about dove keeping, from choosing the right breed to providing proper housing, feeding, and care.

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