



Caiques are compact, incredibly high-energy parrots often described as the “clowns” of the parrot world – bouncing, hopping, and play-wrestling with genuine comic enthusiasm. They're whip-smart and hugely entertaining, with a well-earned reputation for nipping when overstimulated.

KEY FACTS

EXPERIENCE	Advanced	LIFESPAN	25–30 years
TEMPERAMENT	Bold, comedic, endlessly energetic	TAMEABILITY	Tames well with an experienced, confident hand
TALKABILITY	Can learn to talk and mimic sounds, but not known for being clear or frequent talkers	NOISE LEVEL	Moderate to loud
SOCIAL NEEDS	Bonds intensely; needs substantial daily out-of-cage time	SIZE	Approx. 23–24 cm, head to tail
GENDER	Gender only determined by DNA testing		
HYPOALLERGENIC	Low dust – oil-based feathers with very little loose powder		

PERSONALITY

- Bold, comedic, and endlessly energetic.
- Bouncing, hopping, and play-wrestling with genuine enthusiasm.
- Whip-smart and hugely entertaining to watch.
- Tames well with an experienced, confident hand.
- Well known for nipping when overstimulated or handled the wrong way.
- Suits an owner who understands parrot body language.

ONE OR TWO?

Caiques bond intensely with their owner and need substantial daily out-of-cage time, so **keep just one** only if you can commit to that level of attention every day. Kept as a pair, two caiques will happily direct that boundless energy at each other, which takes some of the pressure off you, though they'll be less likely to become hands-on tame.

WHAT THEY NEED

- **A suitable cage** – please check with us for the right size and bar spacing.
- **A quality seed or pellet mix** in open dishes, changed daily.
- **Grit** – a pinch twice a week aids digestion.
- **Calcium & vitamins** – a supplement powder, or a cuttlefish and iodine block.
- **Varied perches** – washed apple or hazel branches, plus a pedicure perch.
- **Chew-safe toys**, rotated regularly (no mirrors – they raise hormones).
- **Fresh water** daily, and a bath or light spray a few times a week.



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