
PERCHES

No Cement or dowel perches should be used, Wooden perches (preferably natural branches but also sawn timber but not round dowel) are preferred over other materials Wood can be chewed, providing a form of enrichment and stimulation, and it is insulating (Silva, 1991; Williams, 2005). PVC, cement and metal perches or the practice of covering perches in sandpaper are unsuitable and should be discouraged as it can lead to abrasions of the plantar aspect of the foot and subsequently pododermatitis (Bumblefoot). They are difficult to grip, cannot be chewed, reflect the ambient temperature (tending to overheat in summer and becoming cold in winter) and are completely unnatural. information from the Avian Medicine and Surgery in Practice for Companion and aviary birds