

## Non-Breeding Season Programme for Gouldian Finches

This Programme provides a perfect level of nutrition and protection for adult Gouldian Finches – and other finches – and maintains their health fitness during cold winter months and between the molt and breeding season. This Programme is used following breeding activities until the annual molt cycle and for one month before breeding.

| Day of Week | Water Supplements              | Food Supplements               | Additional Info  |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Sunday      | KD <sup>1</sup>                | Dry Seed Mix                   | <sup>1</sup> KD – ¼ teaspoon/liter of drinking water to maintain normal foregut pH > 7                     |
| Monday      | DufoPlus & Ioford <sup>3</sup> | TurboBooster, ePowder & F-Vite | <sup>3</sup> DufoPlus (2.5ml), Ioford (5ml) and Megamix (2mls) are mixed into one liter of drinking water. |
| Tuesday     | Ioford/Megamix <sup>2</sup>    | TurboBooster, ePowder & F-Vite | These products provide the vitamins and trace elements needed to maintain health.                          |
| Wednesday   | Quik-Gel/Megamix               | Dry Seed Mix                   | Quik-Gel/Megamix <sup>2</sup> (2mls/liter) whenever birds so lethargy.                                     |
| Thursday    | Fresh Water pH < 7             | Dry Seed Mix                   | Air-sac mite treatment S76 – 2.5mls per liter of drinking water  |
| Friday      | Fresh Water pH < 7             | Dry Seed Mix                   | For 2 consecutive days each month.   |
| Saturday    | Quik-Gel/Megamix               | Dry Seed Mix                   | Quik-Gel/Megamix <sup>2</sup> (2mls/liter) whenever birds so lethargy.                                     |

### Options for Food Supplements

TurboBooster, ePowder and F-Vite should be provided as scheduled above and may be mixed into the dry seed or provided as part of a soft food mixture.

**Dry Seed Ingredients:** TurboBooster (5ml) is thoroughly mixed into 500 grams of seed. Then 1 level teaspoon (5grams) each of ePowder and F-Vite are mixed through the seed mix. This seed mix may safely be left in the cage for 2 days when temperatures are below 72° F (24° C)

### Alan Simpson's – World Famous – Soft Food Recipe

**Ingredients** – 1 cup (250 grams) Finch Crumbles  
 1 hard boiled egg  
 1 tablespoon (10mls) TurboBooster  
 2 tablespoons (20 grams) ePowder  
 1 tablespoons (10 grams) F-Vite  
 OPTIONAL: 1 drop (0.2mls) Quik-Gel

**Procedure** – Dissolve Quik-Gel into a small amount (10mls) of warm water  
 Thoroughly mix TurboBooster and Quik-Gel Solution into Finch Crumbles  
 Store in the refrigerator over night  
 In the morning mix in the ePowder, followed by the F-Vite  
 Finally fold the crushed boiled egg through the mixture  
 Provide each day indicated in a clean container  
 Remove any uneaten portions within 6 hours during hot weather

