

Spring Molt Programme for Gouldian Finches

The Molt Programme promotes a rapid, natural molt and prevents air-sac mite infections that may cause sickness and delay the progress of the molt. This Programme should start the 1st of August in the Southern Hemisphere and the 1st of April in the Northern Hemisphere, and stops when the head is completely covered with new feathers. A rapid molt and brightly colored new feathers are the obvious immediate effect of this Programme. Improved breeding results are it's long term and most important effect.

Day of Week	Water Supplements	Food Supplements	Additional Info
Sunday	KD ¹	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder & F-Vite	¹ KD – ¼ teaspoon/ liter of drinking water to maintain gut pH > 7
Monday	DufoPlus & Ioford ³	Dry Seed Mix	³ DufoPlus (2.5ml), Ioford (5ml) and Megamix (2mls) are mixed into one liter of drinking water.
Tuesday	Ioford/Megamix ²	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder & F-Vite	These products provide the vitamins and trace elements needed to support a rapid molt.
Wednesday	Quik-Gel/Megamix	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder & F-Vite	Quik-Gel/Megamix (2mls/liter) helps protect molting birds from stress related diseases.
Thursday	S76 for 2 days Rotated with Worm-Away	Dry Seed Mix	Air-sac mites, Lice & Tapeworm treatments are necessary during the molt period.
Friday	S76/Worm-Away Each 3 weeks	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder & F-Vite	S76 is rotated with Worm-Away in the drinking water for 2 consecutive days each 3 weeks
Saturday	Megamix ² pH > 7	Dry Seed Mix	² Megamix is used daily to control intestinal infections when drinking water pH > 7

Notes on Soft Food Supplements

TurboBooster, ePowder and F-Vite may be mixed into the dry seed or provided as part of a soft food mixture. Quik-Gel is given in the drinking water when a soft food is not provided. Additional ePowder and F-Vite may also be placed in small dishes during the molt period.

Alan Simpson's – World Famous – Soft Food Recipe

Ingredients – 1 cup (250gms) Finch Crumbles
 1 hard boiled egg
 1 tablespoon (10mls) TurboBooster
 2 tablespoons (20 grams) ePowder
 1 tablespoons (10 grams) F-Vite
 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

