

Spring Molt Programme for Gouldians and 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 its long term and most important effect.

Day of Week	Water Supplements	Food Supplements	Additional Info
Sunday	KD ¹	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder, F-Vite & Bloomford	¹ KD – ¼ teaspoon/liter of drinking water to maintain normal foregut pH > 7
Monday	DufoPlus & Ioford ³	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder, F-Vite, Bloomford & Inca Honey	³ DufoPlus (2.5ml), Ioford (5ml) and Megamix (2mls) are mixed into one liter of drinking water. These products provide the vitamins and trace elements needed to support a rapid molt.
Tuesday	Ioford/Megamix ²	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder, F-Vite, & Bloomford	
Wednesday	Quik-Gel/Megamix	TurboBooster, ePowder, F-Vite, Bloomford & Inca Honey	Quik-Gel/Megamix (2mls/liter) helps protect molting birds from stress related diseases.
Thursday	S76 for 2 days ROTATED with Worm-Away	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder, F-Vite & Bloomford	Air-sac mites, Lice & Tapeworm treatments are necessary during the molt period. S76 is rotated with Worm-Out Gel in the drinking water for 2 consecutive days each 3 weeks
Friday	S76/Worm-Away Each 3 weeks	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel, ePowder, F-Vite, Bloomford & Inca Honey	
Saturday	Megamix ² pH > 7	TurboBooster, Quik-Gel ePowder, F-Vite & Bloomford	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 or on the seed mix when a soft food is not provided. Additional ePowder, F-Vite & Bloomford may also be placed in small finger drawers during the molt period.

Dry Seed Ingredients: TurboBooster (5 ml), Quik-Gel (3 drops) and Inca Honey (3 drops) is thoroughly mixed into 500 grams of seed. Then 1/2 level teaspoon (2.5grams) each of ePowder, F-Vite & Bloomford 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)

"I prefer mixing the Inca Honey with the TurboBooster and Quik-Gel and adding it to the dry seed or soft food rather than adding it to the drinking water as suggested on the bottle label. The high fiber content seems to prevent it from dissolving completely when added to the drinking water." Laraine

Alan Simpson's – World Famous – Soft Food Recipe

Ingredients –

- 1 cup (250 grams) Finch Crumbles
- 1-12 hard boiled eggs
- 1 tablespoon TurboBooster
- 2 tablespoons ePowder
- 1 tablespoons each F-Vite & Bloomford
- 3 drops Quik-Gel & 3 drops Inca Honey (when indicated)

Procedure –

- Dissolve Quik-Gel into a small amount (10mls) of warm water
- Thoroughly mix TurboBooster with Inca Honey and Quik-Gel Solution into Finch Crumbles.
- Store in the refrigerator overnight.
- In the morning mix in the ePowder, followed by the F-Vite & Bloomford
- Finally fold the crushed boiled egg through the mixture
- Provide everyday in a clean container
- Remove any uneaten portions within 6 hours during hot weather