



# Let's go to the pet shop!

Alicia and Pedro's family always go to a trustworthy pet shop, where they know the animals are well looked after and they can rely on the shop assistants' advice. At last, Alicia is in front of the cage where the budgerigars are waiting to meet their owners. Alicia asked Pedro to help her choose one. "You must look for attentive and clean budgerigars that have well preened plumage." "Look at this one", said Pedro, "do you like it?" "Yes!" replied Alicia. "And I choose this other one over there, on the perch above your one."

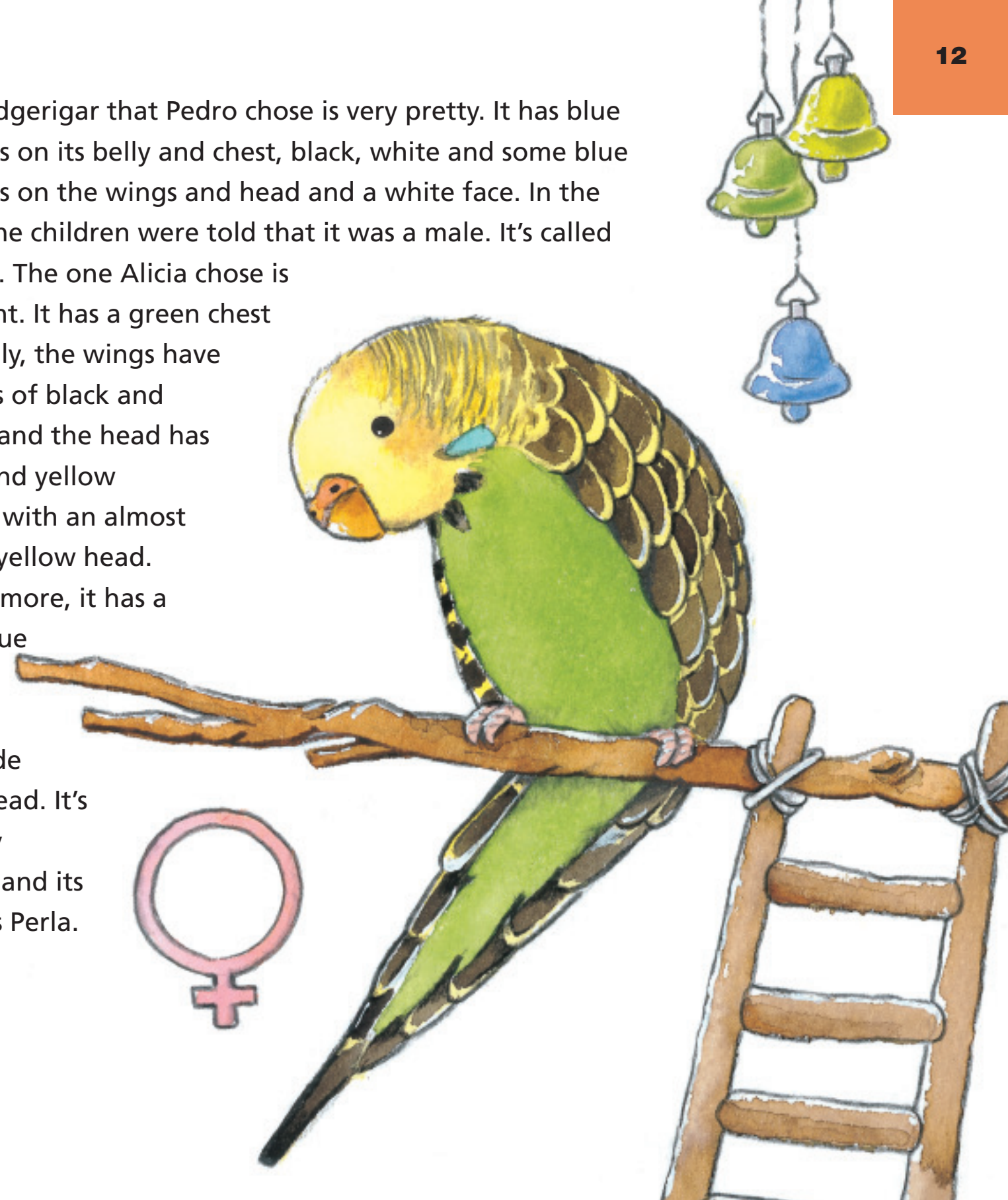






**What are the  
budgerigars  
like?**

The budgerigar that Pedro chose is very pretty. It has blue feathers on its belly and chest, black, white and some blue feathers on the wings and head and a white face. In the shop, the children were told that it was a male. It's called *Azulito*. The one Alicia chose is different. It has a green chest and belly, the wings have touches of black and yellow and the head has black and yellow stripes, with an almost totally yellow head. Furthermore, it has a little blue mark on each side of its head. It's a lovely female and its name is Perla.







# The first few days

*Azulito* and *Perla* spent their first few days in the cage, which was prepared for the couple some days before they arrived. The cage is positioned in a well-lit place, away from the kitchen, drafts of air and appliances such as the television or stereo. Naturally, the budgerigars were scared during the first few days and when Alicia carefully placed her hand in the cage to clean it and change the food, they became very nervous. They will soon forget their fears and get used to the presence and voices of all the members of the family.

