

HAMSTER



Lifespan 2 to 3 years

About 4 to 5 inches long

Think carefully before adopting an animal, it is a lifetime decision!

DIET

- High-quality hamster pellets and limited amounts of vegetables, fruits and timothy hay.
- Clean, fresh water, always available and changed daily.
- Avoid treats that have a high sugar content. Never feed chocolate or caffeine.
- Discard any fruits and vegetables if they have not been eaten after 24 hours.

BEHAVIOR

- Hamsters are mostly nocturnal, but can adjust to your schedule. They are easy to handle, but they can bite if they are startled or awoken suddenly.
- Their incisor teeth never stop growing - so they always need things to chew on. Ensure that you have wood sticks, or chewing blocks available for your hamster at all times.

HABITAT

- Household temperatures are suitable for the hamster. Temperature should not exceed 27 degrees Celsius, and the hamsters habitat should never be in direct sunlight or where it is exposed to a draft.
- The habitat should be a cage designed specifically for hamsters, made out of plastic, metal or glass. The habitat should have a solid bottom, and it should be escape-proof. It is best to choose the largest habitat possible as this allows an adequate space for the hamster to play and exercise in.
- 1-2 inches of bedding should layer the bottom of the habitat (bedding choices include: crumbled paper bedding, or hardwood shavings). Remove wet spots in the bedding daily, and change it completely at least once a week, more frequently if necessary.
- The habitat should be cleaned completely about once a week. You can use a mild soap and water. Make sure the habitat is completely dry before putting in fresh bedding and the hamster back in.
- It is not guaranteed that more than one adult hamster could be housed together. It is recommended you put two hamsters together at a young age, to facilitate them living together as adults. However two adults put in the same habitat will not always get along. Separate habitats for each adult hamster is recommended.

GROOMING & HYGIENE

Hamsters are clean animals, and they rarely need baths. You can spot-clean them with a damp cloth if needed. It is normal for a hamster's teeth to be yellow, cleaning is not necessary.

What you need....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Fluff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality hamster food | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Wheel | <input type="checkbox"/> Hideout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys/Wood Chews/Mineral Chews |
| | Treats | Vitamins |

A healthy hamster is: Alert, active and sociable, he/she eats and drinks regularly, has healthy fur and clear eyes, the hamster should walk normally and breath clearly.

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