

PetFoodCenter

My New Gerbil



Best Parents Ages 8 to 99!

Post a picture of your new pet on social media!

We randomly select #MyNewPFCEPet posts for gift cards & other freebies.

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Housing

Choose a glass or plexiglass aquarium, large enough for burrowing with a secure mesh top for plenty of air flow.



Bedding

- Base layer of wheat pellet litter.
- Thick layer of soft safe bedding on top.
- DO NOT use cedar or pine.



Food

- Water.
- 75% of diet - Pellets formulated for gerbils.
- 20% of diet (1/2 tablespoon daily) - Fresh vegetables, fruits, and protein. (Romain lettuce, kale, parsley, peas, squash, apples without seeds, bananas, strawberries, egg whites, meal worms or crickets. Avoid leeks, chives, & onions).
- 5% - treats.
- Omnivore - Can eat both plant & animal-based food.



Pet Facts

- Active, social, energetic, & become quite tame with frequent handling.
- Very fast & hard to recapture.
- Can live 2-3 years.
- Fragile. Rarely bite when handled carefully.
- Take frequent naps but are often awake during the day. Try not to disturb naps.
- Do not like to be alone. Please adopt two males or two females.
- Breed very quickly. Know the sex when you buy!
- Will chew on anything!
- Their teeth grow! They need chew toys.



How to hold your friend.

Helpful Pet Tips

- Hold them low to the ground in case they jump out of your hands.
- NEVER pick them up by the tail.
- Clean their habitat & supply fresh bedding often.
- Like to forage for seeds. Try oat hay!
- Enjoy compressed hay for playing, shredding & nesting.
- Yearly trip to the veterinarian.



Must Have Supply List

- Habitat - 21" x 11" x 13" high or bigger
- Food bowl
- Water drip bottle
- Bedding
- Fortified gerbil pellets
- Hay - Oat and/or compressed Timothy
- A place to hide
- Chew toys (wood or stone or grass)
- Solid exercise wheel in habitat
- Exercise ball for outside habitat
- Treats



Other Supplies We Love

- At least 3 toys
- Untreated wood blocks
- Hiding huts & tubes
- Travel case
- Supplies for a dust bath
- Play yard
- Care book



Websites We Trust for More Information

OxbowAnimalHealth.com | VitakraftSunseed.com

