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My New Hamster

Best Parents Ages 8 to 99!

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Housing

Choose a well-constructed habitat with adequate ventilation. Use caution choosing a plastic container. Hamsters can chew through plastic. Plastic containers can lack airflow. Set in a quiet location with consistent temperature.

- If wire, 1/4" mesh square.
- If babies, 1/8" mesh square.
- If glass, secure mesh lid.



Bedding

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



Food

- Water.
- 75% of diet - Pellets formulated for hamsters.
- 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

- Fragile.
- Like to forage for seeds. Try oat hay!
- Enjoys compressed hay for playing, shredding, & nesting.
- Nocturnal. Awake at night. Sleep during the day. Use caution when waking.
- They may bite. Easily frightened.
- Can live alone. Some breeds can live in pairs.
- Breed very quickly. Know the sex when you buy!
- Very active! Some can run up to 9 miles a day!
- Their teeth grow! They need chew toys.
- Can live 2-3 years.



How to hold your friend.

Helpful Pet Tips

- Hold them low to the ground in case they jump out of your hands.
- Clean their habitat & supply fresh bedding often.
- Yearly trip to the veterinarian.
- Love empty toilet paper rolls.



Must Have Supply List

- Habitat - 24" x 12" x 12" or bigger
- Food bowl
- Water drip bottle
- Bedding
- Fortified hamster pellets
- Hay - Oat and/or compressed Timothy
- A place to hide
- Chew toys (wood, stone, or grass)
- Solid exercise wheel in habitat
- Exercise ball for outside habitat
- Treats



Other Supplies We Love

- Toys
- Play yard
- Untreated wood blocks
- Hiding huts & tubes
- Travel case
- Supplies for a dust bath
- Care book



Websites We Trust for More Information

OxbowAnimalHealth.com | VitakraftSunseed.com

