



CHINCHILLA care sheet



Always wash your hands after handling your chinchilla or its housing to help maintain sanitary conditions.

PET DEPOT

CAGING NEEDED

- Large, multi-level habitat. A chinchilla needs plenty of room to play. The cage should be escape proof. A glass, plastic or metal cage is recommended.
- Shavings such as aspen or pelleted or recycled paper is recommended. Cedar and pine are not recommended. Provide 1-2 inches of bedding and change regularly to provide a clean and healthy environment.
- A hiding place is also recommended.

ENVIRONMENT

Avoid extreme temperatures. Chinchillas acclimate well to normal household temperatures. Do not put your Chinchillas in direct sunlight or a drafty area.

DIET

- Chinchilla pellets.
- Small amounts of chopped vegetables. Vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded.
- Treats in moderate amounts.

WATER NEEDS

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

MISC. INFORMATION

- Chinchillas stay clean & rarely need baths.
- Provide a dust bath twice a week.
- Chinchillas are nocturnal and rest during the day.

AVERAGE SIZE

About 12 inches long.

LIFE SPAN

10+ years.

SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinchilla Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate sized cage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic Food Bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Litter (No Cedar or Pine) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinchilla Dust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chew sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust Tray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Chinchillas |