



HAMSTER care sheet



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

PET DEPOT

CAGING NEEDED

- Appropriate cage size. A hamster 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.
- An exercise wheel and hiding place is also recommended.

ENVIRONMENT

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

DIET

- Hamster food.
- 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

- Provide chew sticks as your hamster's incisor teeth constantly grow.
- Hamsters are nocturnal and may nip when startled.
- Hamsters should be kept one per cage.

AVERAGE SIZE

4 - 5 inches long.

LIFE SPAN

2 - 3 years.

SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamster Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate sized cage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Litter (No Cedar or Pine) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Chews | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiding Place & Bedding Fluff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Wheel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Chews & Treats |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Hamsters |