

# hamster care sheet



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



## habitat

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.



## temperature

Avoid extreme temperatures. Hamsters acclimate well to normal household temperatures. Do not put your hamster 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

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

## shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- appropriate litter (no cedar or pine)
- hamster food
- food bowl
- water bottle
- treats
- wood chews
- exercise wheel
- hiding place & bedding fluff
- vitamins
- book about hamsters

## fun facts

### average size

4 to 5 inches long

### average life span

2 to 3 years

### misc. information

hamsters should be kept one per cage  
they are nocturnal and may nip when startled  
provide chew sticks as your hamsters  
incisor teeth constantly grow

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