HAMSTER

🔄 2-3 years

↔ 2-4 inches

📊 Beginner

🌡 65-75º F

🥣 Pellets, Seeded Food & Hamster Nuggets

There's nothing cuter than a sweet little hamster running on the wheel or squeezing through a winding tunnel. With some patience and the proper set up, your new hamster can be happy and healthy, bringing joy to you for several years to come. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

CAGE SET UP

Hamsters need a well-ventilated wire cage, with winding tunnels and hides, such as the "My First Home" or "Critter Trail" cages. Two hamsters will do fine with each other for a short time, but could become aggressive with each other over time. We suggest having separate cages for each hamster.

BEDDING

If you have a wire cage, pine shavings or Care Fresh bedding will work well. As always, NEVER use cedar shavings with any small animal, as it negatively affects their respiratory tracts.

TEMPERATURE

Room temperature, between 65-75°F, is ideal for hamsters. Keep their cage in a safe area, away from windows and drafts.

FOOD

Feed your hamster or gerbil seeded, pelleted, or nugget hamster food once a day. Feeding the same food daily reduces the chance of intestinal issues, such as wet tail. Hamsters should have a glass water bottle, as they will chew plastic.

HANDLING

Some hamsters enjoy being handled more than others, but with time your new pet can be easily tamed. Remember, hamsters are nocturnal, so when you are picking them up during the day, it is their nighttime. Try handling in evening hours, and reward them with treats.

CAGE CLEANING

Hamsters will stress if their cage is dirty. Clean daily and add fresh bedding. To clean the bottom plastic tray, Nature's Miracle spray works well.

ACCESSORIES AND CHEW TOYS

Hamsters must chew to keep their teeth at a reasonable length. Offer treats and chews such as Critter Pops, lava chews, or any of our hamster chew treats.

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