

CARING FOR THE HAMSTER

MESOCRICETUS AURATUS

Hamsters make great pets for beginners. They are small, easy to care for, and are relatively inexpensive to purchase. They are also very playful and have a lot of personality, making them enjoyable to watch. They also don't need a lot of space, making them a great pet for those with limited space.

Hamster History!



Hamsters were first domesticated in the 1930s, though they were known to exist in the wild since the 1800s. Hamsters are not particularly social animals, but they can become tame and friendly towards humans with enough patience and care. Hamsters make for great housepets as they are fairly low-maintenance, and their small size means they can be enjoyed in even small living spaces.

Habitat Requirements

Hamsters are active animals, and they need spacious environments to explore and exercise. An ideal habitat should be at least 15 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 12 inches high and should contain a solid floor. The habitat should be kept in a quiet, temperature-controlled area away from direct sunlight and drafts.

Hamsters do best in temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Cold temperatures can cause health problems, so make sure the habitat is not in a cold area of your home.

Proper Diet, Snacks

Seeds, nuts, grains, and vegetables should be included in your hamster's diet. A mix of grains, nuts, fruits, and vegetables should be offered daily. Hamsters also require protein in their diet, which can be provided in the form of mealworms, crickets, or other insects.

Small pieces of fresh fruits, vegetables, and nuts can be offered as occasional snacks, as long as they are given in moderation.



Is my pet healthy?

Look for a glossy coat of fur with no bald patches or balding.

Check for bright, alert eyes and clean ears.

Make sure your hamster has a healthy appetite and is active and inquisitive.

Always consult with a veterinarian for questions regarding your hamster's health!

Exercise & Enrichment



Hamsters need regular exercise to stay healthy and happy. Provide your hamster with a wheel or ball to use for running and exercise. You can also create a safe environment with toys and tunnels for your hamster to explore.

Provide your hamster with plenty of toys and objects to explore and play with. Cardboard boxes, toilet paper rolls, and tunnels are all great enrichment items for hamsters. You can also offer fresh foods such as fruits and vegetables for your hamster to explore.