

gerbil care sheet



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



habitat

Appropriate cage size. You should have at least a ten gallon tank or cage for a pair of gerbils. Tunnels and tubes are required for playing and exploring. Your gerbil should have access to any exercise equipment, like an exercise wheel. Your gerbil will need a nesting box. A soft material for nesting should be provided. Gerbils need a few inches of bedding on the bottom of the cage. Pine or cedar substrates should be avoided.



temperature

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



diet

Gerbil food. Oats, millet, wheat, cereal, and dry pasta are great additions to their diet. Live mealworms, crickets, nuts, seeds and timothy hay or alfalfa can also be given as food. Fresh fruits and vegetables like carrots, celery, peas, apples, raisins and bananas can be awarded as treats. Treats should be a small part of your gerbil's diet.



water

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- appropriate litter (no cedar or pine)
- gerbil food
- ceramic food bowl
- water bottle
- nesting box
- bedding fluff
- exercise wheel
- cardboard
- vitamins
- book about gerbils

fun facts

average size

4 to 5 inches long

average life span

2 to 3 years

misc. information

gerbils love to play, burrow, climb & explore
they're highly social & should be caged together
choose two gerbils from the same litter

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