

Supplies for Your New Hamster!

Did you just adopt a new hamster? Congratulations! Now it is time to shop for everything they will need to make your house their forever home! Below is the list of things we recommend purchasing before bringing a new hamster home with you.

Carrier



The very first thing you need to buy is a carrier to help you bring your hamster home! Hard carriers are safest!

Housing



There are many housing options for hamsters, but it is important to do your research and select an appropriately sized habitat (minimum 450 square inches). Fish tanks and storage bins are often better choices than typical store bought hamster cages, but it is important to keep ventilation in mind as well!

Bottles/Bowls



You should consider getting a small hamster bowl to give food, as well as a bottle to provide water.

Bedding



There are several bedding options for your new hamster! commercially produced paper bedding is typically considered safest, but shredded paper or hay can also work well! We suggest avoiding wood shavings, as some can cause respiratory problems, especially Cedar.

Cleaning Supplies



It is very important to make sure your hamster has a clean habitat! We recommend cleaning the cage daily, and emptying it for a deep clean once a week. You can use small animal cage cleaner or simply hamster safe soap and water when deep cleaning.

Diet



A healthy diet is critical for a long and happy life for your hamster! Unfortunately many store bought diets do not give your Hamster the variety they need as omnivores, so we suggest feeding a mixed diet of 50% Higgins Sunburn seed mix and 50% Mazuri rat/mouse pellets.

Enrichment



It is so important to provide hamsters with plenty of enrichment and outlets for their energy! You want to focus a few different things when looking into new enrichment for your hamster. First, think about what they will need to properly exercise. A wheel in their habitat and a ball they can go in to explore the rest of your house are both a great idea! You also want to give them plenty of hiding places where they can bring their food to eat or sleep. It can be easy to make your own hideaways out of wood, but you must be sure the supplies you use are safe in case the hamsters chew on them. Finally, brain teasers like mazes or puzzles are great enrichment for your new hammie!