

Caring for your

Gerbil



life span 2-4 years

diet

- High quality pelleted food
- Clean water daily

housing

- Glass or wire cage with a wire mesh lid (like a 10 gallon aquarium)
- 1-2 inches of absorbent bedding for comfort and burrowing
- Be sure to clean the cage at least 1 time per week
- Small box for hiding

treats & toys

Treats

- Fruits and vegetables for treats (less than 5% of total diet)

Toys

- Exercise wheel without openings so their tails do not get caught
- Cardboard tubes (from toilet paper or paper towels) or plastic tubes
- Wooden chews to keep their teeth from overgrowing

restraint

- To pick up your gerbil cup them in your hands
- If restraint is needed you can scruff them
- NEVER pick up your gerbil by its tail because it will cause injury

healthcare

Signs your gerbil needs to see the vet:

- Sneezing
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy (not as active)