Hamster Care Essentials Checklist

| 1 Hamster Cage | | Select an appropriate-sized cage with good ventilation, | |
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| | | preferably one with a secure lid to prevent escapes. | |
| 2 | Food ** | Buy high-quality hamster pellets or seed mix. Fresh fruits | |
| | | and vegetables can also be part of their diet. | |
| 3 | Water Bottle | Get a hamster-sized water bottle with a sipper tube to | |
| | | provide fresh water. | |
| 4 | Bedding | Purchase bedding material like aspen shavings or paper- | |
| | | based bedding to line the cage floor. | |
| 5 | Hideout | Hamsters need a cozy hideout or small house where they can | |
| | | sleep and feel safe. | |
| 6 | Exercise Wheel | Choose a hamster wheel to provide your pet with exercise | |
| | | and mental stimulation. | |
| 7 | Food Dish | A small, shallow dish or bowl for feeding your hamster. | |
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| 8 Toys | | Purchase hamster toys like tunnels, chew toys, and climbing | |
| | | structures for entertainment. | |
| 9 | Litter Box (optional) | Some hamsters can be litter-trained, so you may want a | |
| | | small litter box and hamster-safe litter. | |
| 10 | Treats | Buy occasional hamster treats for training and rewards. | |
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| 11 | Hamster Ball (optional) | If you plan to let your hamster explore outside the cage, a | |
| | | hamster ball can be useful. | |
| 12 | Cage Cleaning Supplies | Get a small broom, dustpan, and a scoop for cleaning the | |
| | | cage. | |
| 13 | Bedding Material for | Soft, nesting material like paper or hay for your hamster's | |
| | Nesting | comfort. | |
| 14 | Cage Enrichment | Consider items like tunnels, platforms, or climbing structures | |
| | | to keep your hamster mentally active. | |
| 15 | Health Supplies | Prepare for health needs with a small first-aid kit, a carrier | |
| | | for trips to the vet, and any prescribed medications. | |
| 16 | Vet Information | Find a local veterinarian who specializes in small animals and | |
| | | add their contact information to your list. | |
| 17 | Hamster Food & Water | These can help keep food and water clean and easily | |
| | Dispensers (optional) | accessible. | |
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^{**} Regarding food, you can either ask the pet store for their recommendation on the best hamster pellets or mix, tailored to your hamster's breed, or you can use our **Hamster Food Recommender.**



| Notes / To Do List: | | | | | | | | | |
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