Caring for Your Hamster

Lifespan: 1 ½ - 2 years, males tend to live longer

HamstersHamsters are nocturnal and usually sleep all day. They mustHamsters are nocturnal a indoorsindoors at an even temperature of 16-indoors at an even temperature of 16-21°C. (keptkept singly, the most common Golden Hamster must be housed alone,kept singly, the nwillwill fight. A hamster iswill fight. A hamster is are highly active withwith as interesting home environment as possiblwith as interesting home environment a solid exercise wheel.

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AA well balanced diet of pellA well balanced diet of pelletA well balanced diet of pellets, grains essentialessential to keep your hamster healthy. It will fill up its cheek pouchesessential to lead foodfood to hoard away and eat later. Fresh water should be givenfood to hoard away are plastic bottle with a steel nozzle.

IfIf youlf you have to buy a cage, choose a large plastic one. Metal cageslf you have to buy recommended as they provide no insulation against heat, cold recommended as floofloorfloor of the cage should be covered with a layer of shavings or and toppfloor of the cage withwith hay, shredded paper or natural wood fibre for nest making. Daily cleaning cleaning will involve removeleaning will involve removing wandand cleaning out the damp cornand cleaning out the damp corner. The cand cleaning once a week.