

PetSnoot



Species	Sleeping Patterns	Basic Nutrition	Housing	Additional Items	Behavior
Gerbil	Mostly nocturnal, but show some activity during daylight between naps	Omnivore, fortified food, fresh water, hay, fruits & veggies, treats	Clear glass or plastic aquarium with mesh top for proper air flow, bedding and places to hide	Exercise wheel, tip proof dish, sippable water bottle (gerbils don't drink much, but should have fresh water available)	Active, fast, rarely bite when handled correctly, do well in pairs, love to chew & burrow, desert species and like to roll in sand
Guinea Pig	Active at dawn and twilight, take naps throughout the day	Herbivore, unlimited access to quality grass hay, fortified food, greens, and treats	Well structured habitat with solid floor & enough room to climb, jump, and explore	A space to hide, toys, food bowl, two sources of fresh clean water, play yard for exercise	Inquisitive and curious, show affection through vocalization, do well in pairs
Hamster	Nocturnal (more active at night)	Omnivore, fortified food, fresh water, hay, fruits & veggies, treats	Glass aquarium or wire cage with solid bottom, avoid plastic (can easily chew through this), bedding and places to hide	Exercise wheel, tip proof dish, sippable water bottle, grass hay for nesting and burrowing, wood block for chewing	Careful handling if picked up while sleeping, do fine single or can be kept in pairs depending on sex and breed
Mice	Nocturnal (more active at night)	Omnivore, hay, fortified food, greens, fruits, veggies, treats	Clear glass or plastic aquarium with mesh top for proper air flow, bedding and places to hide	Exercise wheel, hay for burrowing and nesting, newspaper, paper towels, facial tissue, old mittens or socks for nesting, tip proof dish, sippable water bottle	Clean, docile, rarely bite, social with other mice & people, love searching for food hidden in hay
Rat	Nocturnal (more active at night)	Omnivore, fortified food, greens (avoid cabbage), fruits, veggies, treats, hay	Wire cage with solid bottom, bedding & lots of space for creative living, play & burrowing	Cardboard tubes, ropes, exercise wheel, grass hay, food bowl, two sources of fresh clean water	Clean, docile, rarely bite, intelligent and social with other rats and people, can be trained to fetch, use a litter box and climb ropes