

# Pet Info

## What you need to know about hamsters.



### Appearance:

Hamsters are quite easy pets, but they can sometimes bite your finger.

Hamsters are small and have soft fur. They weigh between 20 and 30 grams. Hamsters only live for 2 to 3 years.

### How do they move?

Hamsters can run quite fast and they love to climb around in their cage. In the wild, hamsters can run 1-2 kilometers a day. In the cage, they need a hamster wheel and tunnels or tree branches to run and climb on.

### Home:

Hamsters need a cage where they can build a soft nest. They like to hide inside their nest. You should cover the bottom of the cage with shredded paper.

You should also give your hamster some toys, so they can play and run around.

### What do they eat?

Hamsters eat almost everything. You should feed them nuts and seeds. They can also eat dry cat food and small pieces of vegetables and fruits. You should not put your hamster's food in a bowl. Just throw the seeds and little pieces into the cage in different places. You can hide the food in tunnels and other places so your hamster has to find them. That will keep your hamster busy.

### Other information:

Hamsters are quite shy. Not every hamster likes to be cuddled. If you take your hamster out of the cage, close the door of the room so your cat cannot come in and catch the hamster.

Read this info sheet carefully and take notes (keywords) in your handout (task 8.B)

Then tell your partner about potbellied pigs.