



SMALL FURRIES CHECKLIST

Small furries include pets such as hamsters, rats, gerbils, chinchillas and guinea pigs. With such a wide range of species you can imagine all their requirements are very different. Even just within the 'hamster category' there are some hamsters that must be kept on their own and others which like to live in pairs or small groups. This checklist is purely a guide and some elements may not be applicable to the specific pet you are thinking about getting. When you know the type of small furry you would like, please ensure you research that pet to understand any requirements specific to them.

- A cage large enough for your pet type
- Hiding places
- A 'nest box' to sleep
- Appropriate nesting material (ensure the material is safe)
- Plenty of hay if appropriate
- Food bowl
- Water bowl or bottle
- Appropriate diet
- Exercise wheel if suitable
- Appropriate toys and other 'cage furniture'
- Animal safe disinfectant
- A dust bath if required
- Pet insurance is available for some species

