

chinchilla care sheet



Always wash your hands after handling your chinchilla or its housing to help maintain sanitary conditions.



habitat

Large, multi-level habitat. A chinchilla needs plenty of room to play. The cage should be escape proof. A glass, plastic or metal cage is recommended. Shavings such as aspen, pelleted bedding or recycled paper is recommended. Cedar and pine are not recommended. Provide 1-2 inches of bedding and change regularly to provide a clean and healthy environment. A hiding place is also recommended.



temperature

Avoid extreme temperatures. Chinchillas acclimate well to normal household temperatures. Do not put your chinchilla in direct sunlight or a drafty area.



diet

Chinchilla pellets. Small amounts of chopped vegetables. Vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded. Treats in moderate amounts.



water

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- appropriate litter (no cedar or pine)
- chinchilla food
- ceramic food bowl
- water bottle
- treats
- chew sticks
- toys
- chinchilla dust
- dust tray
- vitamins
- book about chinchillas

fun facts

average size

about 12 inches long

average life span

10+ years

misc. information

chinchillas stay clean & rarely need baths
they have the thickest fur of all land animals with
50 hairs growing from a single follicle
chinchillas are nocturnal and rest during the day

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