Dwarf hamsters, including Djungarian, Chinese, Russian and Roborovski hamsters, have a high level of energy. They are clean and captivating companion animals.

facts

average adult size: 2 to 4 inches long depending on species
average life span: up to 2 to 3 years with proper care
diet: herbivore

Note: The information on this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, refer to the Sources section or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.

Developed with and approved by a qualified veterinarian.
If you notice any of these signs, contact your veterinarian.
shopping list for needed supplies

- Appropriately sized habitat
- High-quality hamster food
- Treats
- Bedding
- Nesting fluff
- Food bowl/water bottle
- Exercise wheel
- Hideaway place
- Toys
- Wood chews
- Mineral chews
- Dust and dust bath
- Book about dwarf hamsters

sources

Ask a store partner about Petco’s selection of books on dwarf hamsters and the variety of private brand products available for the care and happiness of your new pet. All private brand products carry a 100% money-back guarantee.

Because all small animals are potential carriers of infectious diseases, such as Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis, Rat Bite Fever and Salmonella, always wash your hands before and after handling your small animal or habitat contents to help prevent the potential spread of disease.

Pregnant women, children under the age of 5, senior citizens and people with weakened immune systems should contact their physician before purchasing or caring for small animals and should consider not having a small animal as a pet.

Go to cdc.gov/healthypets and petco.com/caresheet for more information about small animals and disease.

This Care Sheet can cover the care needs of other species. Go to petco.com for more information.