

# Habitat

gerbil and  
hamster home

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## Check list

The Habitat contains:

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| 1 cage                        | 1 plastic tank                 |
| 1 water bottle                | 1 feeding bowl                 |
| 1 play tube                   | 1 cage floor with short ladder |
| 1 cage floor with long ladder |                                |

## Assembly Instructions

1. Take the cage section of your Habitat and fix the first cage floor two thirds of the way up the cage.



2. Fix the second cage floor at the bottom of the cage so that the ladder from the top rests on it.

3. Take the plastic tank section of your Habitat and fill half way with sawdust or fine peat, burying the play tube to create the first tunnel for your gerbils to play in.

4. Put the cage section on top of the plastic tank and clip it on securely using the clips on either end of the cage. They should attach under the tank lip. The long ladder should now hang from the first cage floor into the sawdust or peat so your gerbils can easily climb up into the cage.



5. Fill the bottle with water and attach to the side of the cage so your gerbils can easily reach it from the bottom floor and fill their feeding bowl.

6. Your Habitat is now ready for your new gerbils!

## Setting up your Habitat

Filling your Habitat halfway with sawdust or fine peat will recreate a natural environment for your gerbils and will allow them to burrow and tunnel to their hearts' content. Sawdust makes a good bedding material for your Habitat because it is light and easy to tunnel in, but if you choose to use a fine peat then make sure you keep it moist, so the tunnels stay intact.

## Playtime

Your gerbils' lives can be enriched by providing toys and stimulating natural behaviour, for example hiding treats around the cage keeps them amused and imitates natural feeding; Hidey-holes like houses and tubes allow them to hide their food as they would in the wild. Gerbils also love to chew, so providing wooden blocks or toys is ideal! Keeping gerbils in pairs also brings extra companionship and happiness to their lives.

## Keeping your Habitat clean

Gerbils are extremely clean animals and do not produce much waste. Therefore a Habitat only requires a thorough cleaning out every 2-4 weeks. You should however tidy your Habitat daily, removing any dirty bedding and replacing it with clean, fresh bedding. When giving your Habitat a thorough cleaning empty out the bedding and rinse the tank with warm water and a pet safe disinfectant. Once dry refill the tank with fresh bedding. This will give your gerbils a fresh layer to make new burrows and tunnels.

