

Shopping List for Gerbils

- Glass aquarium (gerbils will destroy plastic)
 - 10 gallon tank for 1 or 2 gerbils
 - 15 gallon tank for 3 gerbils
 - 20 gallon tank for 4 gerbils
 - 30 gallon tank for 6 gerbils
- Metal screen lid with locking clips.
 - Split-hinge is easier, you don't have to remove it.
- 4 oz. Water bottle
 - (ASPCA recommends changing daily, I use distilled or bottled water and change and wash 2-3 times weekly.
- Water bottle holder
- Wood house they can sleep in and chew
- Quality Gerbil food
 - for non-breeding 12% protein, 7% fat
- Ceramic Food dish
- Bendable rainbow bridge
 - Super Pet Tropical Fiddle Sticks toy
 - (not necessary, but our gerbils love theirs)
- Aspen (most absorbent) or corncob (for breeding) bedding
 - (Ultra Carefresh I find dusty, you may like it)
- Playpen (We got our Animal Planet one at Target for \$12.99)
- Ongoing supply of unscented toilet & paper towel tubes for chewing
- Gerbils: The Complete Guide to Gerbil Care book by Donna Anastasi
 - You may get this from The American Gerbil Society (even autographed!)
- Exercise Wheel (We use the Silent Spinner)
- Critter bath for twice weekly gerbil beautification
- Chinchilla SAND (not dust- it can hurt their respiratory systems)
- Timothy Hay

If possible, freeze bedding, food, and treats for 1 week before putting them in the gerbil's tank. If you get mites, I've read that they are a real pain to eradicate, and take lots of time and patience. Twinsqueaks.com recommends at least 72 hours of freezing, before it should be thawed and used, preferably 1 week.