



A Guide To Getting A Hamster!

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Even though they are small, hamsters need a lot of preparation to get. You be need to be ready to spend quite a lot on a decent sized cage good bedding loads of treats and so much more!

Before you get a hamster you need to know what kind of hamster you want and do research on them. I would personally recommend getting a Syrian hamster if it's your first time adopting one because they are (in my opinion) the "easiest" to take proper care of but you need to invest time into doing your own research into what hamster you think would be best for you.



After you have decided what type of hamster you would like it's time to think about budget. You need to make sure you have everything that your hamster may need. Here are the basics

- A cage must be **at least** 24 inch x 12 inch
- Bedding (loads of it)
- A wheel
- Food
- Food bowl
- Water
- Water bowl/bottle
- A hide out of some sort
- Some kind of to

May I add these are the necessities of adopting a hamster. All of these things can cost about £60-£100. I would recommend before you purchase your hamster, make sure everything you need is good and in stock.

When you receive your hamster make sure you put it in the cage as soon as you get home. Then leave him/her for a couple of days so they can get used to their new surroundings. Try putting them in a room that you are in often so they can slowly get used to your voice. I would also recommend changing food and water while there awake so they can learn that you are not a threat.



After a couple of days you can begin to tame your hamster. Some water people do this is sitting in an enclosed space (like a bathtub) and letting your hamster chill with you for a while just so they can slowly get used to you being with them. Gently holding them and stroking them is okay as long as they don't appear to be stressed while you do it. Keep on repeating these until your hamster seems to be okay with everything.

After that you should have a very happy healthy hamster!