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FANCY HAMSTER

auratus

ORIGIN: All hamsters are native to the arid desert regions of Siberia, Mongolia, Manchuria, and Northern China., although your hamster is born in captivity. Hamsters are nocturnal animals, which means they play by night and sleep during daytime hours. They can be taught to enjoy somewhat of a daytime schedule. Hamsters usually do not enjoy company in their tank. You can however purchase 2 young hamsters at the same time when starting your new journey of hamster ownership. Introducing any other hamsters into an established tank can result in injury or death. "Fancy" refers their coloration.

LIFESPAN: 3 years

GESTATION: 16-18 days

SIZE: Fancy hamsters reach an average adult body length of 6 to 7 inches and the tail is negligible. Males are slightly larger than females.

CAGING: Fancy hamsters will thrive in a variety of commercially available glass and plastic cages with well ventilated lids. Adult hamsters should be housed individually, and a single adult will flourish in a 10-gallon aquarium. Wire cages are not recommended because they will constantly gnaw on the wire and injure themselves. Hamsters can be very good at escape, so be sure to secure your cage.

SUBSTRATE: Golden hamsters can be successfully kept on a variety of substrates such as any pelleted or processed bedding. Cedar shavings should be avoided because of the risk of ingestion and respiratory

infections. The substrate should be deep enough to allow the hamsters to burrow

TEMPERATURE: Fancy hamsters will adjust to room temperature, but extreme heat and cool should be avoided. The cage should be placed in a location that is free from drafts and direct sunlight.

DIET: Fancy hamsters will thrive on a variety of available vitamin fortified pelleted foods. In addition, the diet can be supplemented with fresh fruits, vegetables and bird seed. Also good things given for treats are: hard boiled eggs, meal worms and dog/cat treat biscuits. It is important that chew items are available so that the teeth are kept worn down. Fancy hamsters must have access to fresh, clean drinking water at all times. A water bowl or sipper bottle can be used. The latter is typically cleaner and easier to maintain.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Secure cage with lid
- Water dish or bottle
- Ceramic food bowl
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about hamster husbandry
- Nest box
- Vitamin fortified pelleted food
- Tubes to simulate burrows
- Hamsters treats
- Running wheel
- Wooden chew toys

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