



# All Creatures Animal Hospital

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## **Gerbils ,Hamsters, and Mice As Pets**

**Average Lifespan: 2-4 years**

### **Diet**

- Rodent pellet food provides the best nutrient ratios for your pet.
- Fruits and vegetables can be given as supplements and treats.

### **Grooming/Bathing**

- None needed as long as housing is kept clean.

### **Housing Recommendations**

- Use caging with a solid bottom so your pet does not get caught in metal grating.
- Places to hide and tunnel must be provided for comfort and entertainment.
- Paper bedding is best to use (avoid cedar, pine, and sawdust bedding).

### **Annual Exam Recommendations**

- This time spent with our exotic veterinarian allows us to form a preventative plan for your pet. We can analyze your current husbandry and make suggestions.
- Fecal examinations check for internal parasites.
- Physical examinations by our veterinarian check for any physical abnormalities.
- Teeth must be checked for dental disease at every exam.

### **Common Medical Conditions**

- Dental disease is common as teeth constantly grow. Watch for loss of appetite and increased drooling.
- Cancer can be common so watch for any external lumps.
- Internal parasites can occur causing diarrhea and loss of appetite.
- Respiratory infection can occur causing eye and nasal discharge and/or sneezing.