GERBIL SHOPPING LIST

☐ **CAGE**  
1-2 cubic feet per 1-2 gerbils

☐ **WATER BOTTLE**

☐ **BEDDING**  
Fleece, CareFresh, shredded paper, paper pellets, paper towels. We recommend using pellets to line the cages and shredded paper, CareFresh, etc to layer on for nesting and tunneling.

☐ **FOOD DISH**  
Ceramic is best to prevent chewing.

☐ **FOOD**  
MNPPR recommends Oxbow. Do not give your gerbil foods with mix ins.

☐ **TUBES**  
Gerbils LOVE tunneling, both in premade tubes and in nesting material. Stick with cardboard tubes to avoid plastic ingestion.

☐ **ENRICHMENT**  
Be sure to provide your pet with lots of fun toys. Check out our Homemade Toys page for ideas.

☐ **EXERCISE BALL**  
This is a great way for your gerbil to get exercise and explore outside of its cage.

☐ **SHELTER**  
Gerbils like to hide in shelters when they are nervous or relaxing. Wood huts, grass huts, cardboard boxes, etc. work best vs. plastic shelters as gerbils are voracious chewers and if pieces of plastic are ingested it could cause harm to your pet.

☐ **CHEW TOYS**  
Wood, lava, etc.

☐ **WHEEL**  
Fine mesh wire wheels are ideal as gerbils may chew plastic wheels. If you use a plastic wheel be sure it is solid based and you monitor for signs of chewing.

☐ **DUST BATH HOUSE**  
Gerbils tend to prefer enclosed dust bath houses, but a deep dish will also work.

☐ **DUST BATH POWDER**  
Only use store bought chinchilla dust powder.