



RSPCA Hamster Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



SIGNS OF ILLNESS

HAMSTERS CAN BECOME UNWELL AND GO DOWNHILL VERY QUICKLY, BUT MAY OFTEN ONLY SHOW SUBTLE SIGNS OF BEING IN PAIN OR DISTRESS, OR THAT THEY ARE SUFFERING, UNTIL IT IS VERY SEVERE.

TAKE YOUR HAMSTERS TO A VET IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THEM SHOW ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS



- not eating or drinking
- sitting in a hunched-up position
- sunken or dull looking eyes
- disinterested at times when they are normally active
- losing weight or quickly putting weight on
- drinking lots
- wet faeces and/or diarrhoea (which may lead to soiling of their rear-end)
- laboured breathing,
- discharge from the nostrils, eyes, vagina etc,
- persistent sneezing or coughing,
- difficulty walking, or unsteady balance
- not using a limb
- firm, warm and swollen stomach
- any injuries or abnormal lumps or bumps



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