



RSPCA Hamster Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



CHECKING YOUR HAMSTER

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGULARLY CHECK YOUR HAMSTER FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE REASONS

- Visually check that they are well every day; there is no need for a detailed examination but see that they are behaving normally, moving, breathing well, sitting normally, that they have bright eyes and a shiny coat, and do not have wounds or lumps.
- Physically examine your hamster(s) when you handle them by running your fingers gently over their body to check for lumps and bumps and that they are not too skinny or fat. It is best to do this at the same time as cleaning, just before lights out to minimise disturbance.
- Always handle your hamster(s) in a safe, considerate and confident manner.



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