Transporting gerbils

GERBILS SHOULD NOT BE TRANSPORTED UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AS THEY CAN FIND IT VERY STRESSFUL.

- When transporting your gerbils, keep them in their gerbilium whenever possible. If you need to transfer them into a smaller carrier, make sure to provide for all their needs. Also ensure that the carrier is escape-proof.

- Make sure your gerbils have access to food and water during the journey.

- Transport the entire group together if possible. This not only helps to reduce the stress of transport, but can also help to reduce aggression upon re-introduction to their group. If you cannot do this, place some familiar smelling bedding and nesting material/other objects in the carrier.

- Make sure the gerbilium or carrier has a cover to keep it dark during the journey. However, it is important that it also allows air to pass in and out of the carrier for ventilation.

- Transport your gerbils in a quiet, air-conditioned car, rather than on public transport.

- Plan your route to minimise journey time and maintain suitable comfort and environmental conditions.