

Gerbil Enrichment

There are all kinds of activities and enrichment toys that you can buy and even make for your gerbils. It is good for your gerbils to get daily enrichment so they don't get bored and can keep their minds active. Below is a list of boredom breakers for your gerbils:

- Be sure to have plenty of tunnels and underground dens for your gerbils to nest in.
- Cardboard tubes are a favorite for gerbils to chew and make nests with. You can also fill cardboard tubes with hay and treats as well.
- Willow balls are also great for chewing and strategically placing treats into. This makes your gerbils work for their snack as they roll the ball around their enclosure or playpen.
- A homemade version of willow balls can be made by cutting a cardboard tube into smaller sections and overlapping them to make your very own treat ball!
- You can wrap treats in packing paper and scatter them throughout the enclosure to engage your gerbils foraging skills.
- Egg cartons that are made of paper pulp and clean of any ink or food stains can be used as foraging boxes or hideouts as well.
- Hanging wood toys are a great boredom breaker, especially if you add your gerbil's favorite veggies or fruits to it like a kabob.
- Pine cones make good chew toys so long as they are properly cleaned. Make sure to soak pine cones in hot water for five minutes, then bake them in the oven at 153 degrees for 1-2 hours. You can also buy pine cones from pet stores as well.

There is a variety of wooden toys and hideouts that can be purchased from pet stores to keep your gerbils busy. Enrichment is important in keeping your gerbils happy and healthy plus it is more fun for you and gives you more chances to interact with your gerbils!

