

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 hideouts and hammocks for your gerbil to sleep in.
- Cardboard tubes are a favorite for gerbils to make nests with and chew on. You can also fill them with treats.
- Willow balls are also great for chewing and strategically placing treats into. This makes your gerbil work for their snack as they roll the ball around.
- 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 their foraging skills.
- Hanging wood toys are great, especially if you add their favorite fruits or veggies.
- You can place sprays like millet or oats around their enclosure. These are great treats for your gerbil and mimic the foraging skills they would use in the wild.
- 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!



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