



Water is another very important aspect of a happy and healthy hamster. Most hamster owners use hamster water bottles to give their hamster water, but water dishes are another safe option. To learn more about the two options watch Victoria Raechel's YouTube video "Water bottles OR Bowls? | hamster care"

### Water Bottles:

Cleaning your hamster's water bottle every day (including the spout) is very important. You will also want to change the water in your hamster's water bottle every day, so they have fresh water. Do not fill the water bottle up all the way because this can cause more leakage, instead only put about 1 - 1 ½ inches of water in their water bottle. Some hamsters will drink more than others, so it is important to monitor your hamster's water often. You will also need to find a good position for the spout of the water bottle. Too low or too high of a water bottle can cause neck problems in a hamster and may discourage them from drinking water. It is also important to check your water bottle daily and make sure that the ball in the water bottle spout is working properly and that water can easily come out.



### Water Dishes:

In the wild, a hamster wouldn't have a water bottle so they would have to drink like they would with a water dish. Water dishes are also generally easier to clean, and they are easier for a hamster to get water from. It is suggested that you put a water dish on some sort of platform without bedding so that it is less likely to get dirty or be knocked over.



GHR is in the process of switching to water dishes as they are much more natural for a hamster to drink out of. We will give you an extra water dish with your adoption of a hamster in case the current one breaks or gets too dirty to clean. If both water dishes become unusable here is a link to buy more. This is a pack of 24 but it never hurts to have extras, and it is a very reasonable price.

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