Cage Cleaning Schedule for Small Pets

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HOME sweet HOME

A clean, dry, hospitable home is paramount to your small pet's health. Be sure your small pet has a spacious, secure, ventilated, chew-proof home containing the basics: proper bedding, food and water containers, toys, exercisers, and litter box with organic litter like Kay-Kob, if necessary. Aspen bedding and other natural materials that do not contain irritating oils or preservatives are ideal. Place cage in a bright, accessible location away from direct sunlight, very young children, and other pets.

Maintaining a clean, comfortable pet home requires minimal time and effort. Following is a typical cleaning schedule:

DAILY:

- Remove wet/mess spots in bedding/litter.
- Change bedding/litter if necessary.
- Wash food bowl and supply fresh food.
- Wash water bottle/bowl and refill.

WEEKLY:

- Remove and replace all bedding and/or litter.
- Wash and disinfect cage bottom and toys. Nontoxic Cage Cleaner & Deodorizer simplifies cleaning and leaves a fresh scent. As with all cleaners, rinse thoroughly.

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Keep your pet safely contained and entertained during cleanings with a Small Exercise Pen.

To further enhance your pet's comfort, add a cozy hideaway like Super Sleeper Critter Cuddl-E-Cup . If you use a cage with a mesh bottom, cover a portion of it with fabric or a piece of wood to prevent foot injuries. Plus, if you keep your pet outdoors, be sure to bring him in during the cold months.

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