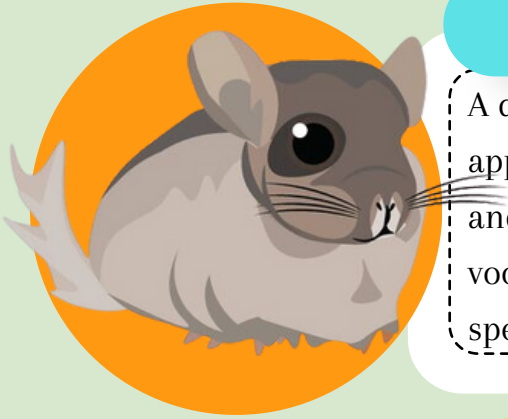


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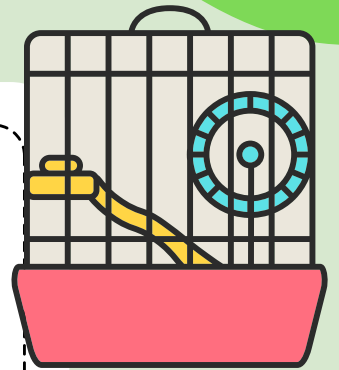
This is a Degu.

A degu is a small rodent from Chile, with a distinctive appearance, including a long tail and large ears. Degus are social and thrive in pairs or small groups. They are known for their vocalizations and are active during the day. As pets, they require specific care due to their dietary and social needs.



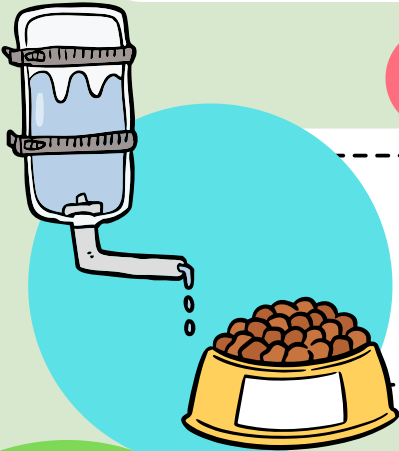
Housing & Social Behavior

Provide a spacious multi-level wire cage with secure latches and horizontal bars, solid flooring, a nesting area and safe bedding. Consider their social nature by keeping them in pairs or small groups. Enrich their environment with tunnels and climbing opportunities for mental and physical stimulation.



A Degu's Diet

A degu's diet should consist mainly of hay and high-quality degu pellets (molasses-free guinea pig pellets are ok too). Fresh leafy greens and vegetables should be given daily; however, sugar so it should be avoided to prevent diabetes.



Handling a Degu

Handling degus requires patience and gentleness. Begin by spending time near their cage and offering treats to build trust. To pick them up, gently scoop and support their body, being mindful of their delicate structure. Be patient and respect their limits.

