


# Rodent Care

Cats and Critters  
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Diet	Oxbow Hay Company <a href="http://www.oxbowhay.com">www.oxbowhay.com</a>
<p>Rodents should be on a pelleted diet made specifically for rodents.</p> <p>We recommend: <b>Oxbow Regal Rat</b> for rats.</p> <p>*See our Rat Mix sheet</p> <p><b>Oxbow Healthy Handfuls</b> for hamsters, gerbils and mice.</p>	
<p><b>Diets with seeds and dried fruit should be avoided</b> as they are high in fat and sugar and have little nutritional value.</p>	
<p>Small amounts of yogurt, fresh vegetables and fruit, uncooked pasta and unsweetened whole grain cereals may also be offered.</p> <p>Avoid sugary treats like Yogurt Drops.</p>	

Housing	Bedding
<p>Ideally, cages should have solid flooring (no wire grate) with a wire frame on top to ensure adequate ventilation.</p> <p><b>No aquariums!</b></p> <p>A solid floored exercise wheel is recommended because legs can get caught in the bars.</p>	<p>We recommend soft paper based bedding like <b>Carefresh Pet Bedding</b>.</p> <p>Shredded paper is also fine to use.</p> <p>Wood shavings are not recommended because they are dusty, have a strong smell and have been know to cause respiratory problems in small mammals.</p>