

Hedgehog Cage Guide

Use this information to get the ideal cage setup for a hedgehog.

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The best cage for your hedgehog is the largest cage you can afford. You need at least 2 feet by 2 feet of floor space per hedgehog. The cage should be made from wire mesh no larger than 1 by 2 inches in size, with a solid floor. Wire mesh cages provide the best ventilation for your small pet.

You can also choose to keep your hedgehog in an aquarium. Aquariums are easy to clean, and you won't have the problem of bedding or food spilling out of your hedgehog's enclosure as you might with a wire cage. The downside of aquariums is that they don't provide as much ventilation for your small pet. You also need to make certain the aquarium is covered with a wire mesh or screen top to allow for airflow and keep your hedgehog from escaping.

Some people opt to keep their hedgehogs in plastic storage containers. Although easy to clean, they don't provide good ventilation. They also require a wire mesh or screen top so air can flow through the top and the small pet cannot escape.

Your hedgehog's cage needs certain accessories for your small pet to be comfortable. These include an exercise wheel, crock style food bowl, hanging water bottle, nest box, bedding and toys.

When situating your hedgehog's cage, place it in a room that gets natural light but not direct sunlight. Place it on top of a piece of furniture so it's not on the floor and exposed to drafts. Don't place it near heating elements or directly in the flow of air conditioning vents. Keep in mind that hedgehogs are most comfortable at a temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit, so put your small pet in a room that best accommodates its needs.