

Small animal accommodation size guide

Species	Minimum size	Suitable ways to provide this	Additional information
Rabbit (outdoors)	Ideally 3m x 2m x 1m but we can accept a minimum of 180cm x 60cm x 60cm sheltered space plus 180cm x 240cm x 90cm tall run /exercise area	Shed, wendy house, aviary, converted stables, traditional hutch and run combinations, runs connected via the 'runaround' tunnel system.	Hutches and runs should be connected and have 24 hour access where possible. Where this isn't possible, the rabbit should be moved to the run early each morning and returned to the hutch late in the evening. A shelter should be placed in the run.
Rabbit (indoors)	Total area ideally 3m x 2m x 1m but we can accept 180cm x 300cm x 90cm tall	Tall puppy pen panels, own room, free roam of the house (so long as it is well rabbit proofed)	An indoor rabbit can still be given access outside if possible, in a run or secure garden.
Guinea pig (outdoors)	150cm x 60cm sheltered space plus 180cm x 120cm run / exercise area	Shed, wendy houses, hutches or runs in semi outdoor locations (such as in a garage or shed)	Outdoor guinea pigs will need to be moved to a sheltered location (such as a shed, garage or home) in extreme weather.
Guinea pig (indoors)	150cm x 60cm indoor space, 180cm x 120cm run /exercise area	Puppy pens, C&C cages, 'modular' cages made up of panels, traditional hutches and runs.	If keeping guinea pigs permanently indoors, the minimum total space should be 180cm x 120cm
Chinchilla	90 x 60 x 120cm	Aventura Huge rat, ferret, and chinchilla cage Rockford double rat ferret and chinchilla cage Pet planet rat and ferret cage Savic Royal Suite dual level luxury	Dimensions are for usable living space and don't include stands or shelves.
Rat	90 x 60 x 120cm	As per chinchillas	An exercise wheel of 14-16inches should also be supplied
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Hamster	100 x 50 x 50cm	Savic plaza cage Ferplast Karat 100 Jungle pets small animal tank Pawhut wooden hamster cage	Wheels should be 22- 27cm for dwarf breeds, 27 – 32cm for Syrians. Popular 'home made' options include Ikea detolf cabinets or aquariums with custom made mesh lids. Lids can be purchased on Etsy.
Mouse	80 x 50 x 50cm	Savic plaza Savic hamster heaven XL Ferplast Karat 80 or 100 Savic sky hamster metro cage	A wheel of at least 8" or 21cm should be included. Bar spacing should be less than 1cm to prevent escapes.
Gerbil	100 x 40 x 40cm	As per hamsters plus Diversa aquarium (Amazon)	Exercise wheel of at least 8" or 21cm should be included. Popular 'home made' options include Ikea detolf cabinets or aquariums with custom made mesh lids. Lids can be purchased on Etsy.

