



# 5 Ways to Provide Daily Enrichment for Small Animals

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**1. SUPPORT THEIR INSTINCTUAL BEHAVIORS IN FUN AND CHALLENGING WAYS.**  
Rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, and other small animals are intelligent and curious creatures with strong instincts to play, chew, explore and hide. You can support these instinctual behaviors by outfitting your pet’s habitat with safe and natural chews, toys and hideouts. Rotate these items regularly to keep pets engaged with their habitat and surroundings.

**2. BUILD A LOVING BOND WITH ENRICHING PLAY EVERY DAY.**  
Small pets are social by nature and love interacting with their caretakers, so set aside time every day for active, enriching play. One fun, interactive activity to engage in is to hide healthy treats in different places throughout the habitat. This simple, enriching activity can provide hours of entertainment as pets search their environment for their favorite treat. Always be sure to follow the feeding guidelines on the packaging for their pet’s treat of choice to avoid overfeeding.

**3. KEEP IT SAFE AND NATURAL.**  
Every element of a pet’s daily routine should be safe and natural—enrichment included. With this in mind, choose enriching accessories carefully, opting for items made exclusively from safe and natural materials. Some examples of enriching, pet-safe materials include woven hay, untreated woods, natural fibers (e.g. sisal), apple sticks and vegetable-based dyes.

**4. OFFER A VARIETY OF HAYS EACH DAY TO KEEP MEALTIME FUN AND STIMULATING.**  
Small herbivores such as rabbits, guinea pigs and chinchillas should have unlimited access to fresh grass hay each and every day. Grass hay should make up at least 70% of the diet of these fiber-loving herbivores. Pets with daily access to a variety of tastes and textures via their hay will be less likely to develop picky eating habits and will remain engaged and enriched throughout the day. Make every day a hay day!

**5. PROVIDE SPATIAL CHALLENGES WITH SOME SIMPLE “INTERIOR DECORATING.”**  
We all benefit from a change of scenery, and pets are no exception! Rearranging elements of your animal’s habitat will provide it with mental enrichment and fun spatial challenges. This can be as simple as putting a hideout or food dish in a new location in the habitat. Pets will love this spatial challenge, and you will have just as much fun watching them explore their “new” environment.



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