





YOUR POCKET PET

CLEANING CAGES

It is recommended that you fully clean your pocket pet's cage at least once weekly, possibly more or less depending on the species, number of animals, and whether or not they are litter box trained.

You should wipe down the cage after spraying with one of the below-listed cleaners. Naturally derived* products are ideal when possible. Be sure that the cage is completely dry before you replace bedding and toys and let your foster pet back in it.

VINEGAR	NATURE'S MIRACLE	KAYTEE'S CLEAN CAGE	BLEACH
 <p>Dilute with water</p>			 <p>Dilute with water (1 part bleach to 32 parts water)</p>
DISH SOAP	HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	NOLVASAN	HOUSEHOLD CLEANER
			 <p>Be careful with these. You must be absolutely sure everything is completely dry before replacing the pet in its cage. Avoid heavily perfumed cleaners.</p>

Daily

Spot clean poop and old food from the cage. If you notice that an unwashable item such as wood or lava items are extremely soiled or are foul-smelling, throw them away. Change water in the water bottle. Some animals, such as hedgehogs, may need their wheels cleaned daily.

Weekly

Wash food bowls, water bottles, toys, and other furnishings (such as wheels and hides) at least once a week using dish soap. Sometimes it is easiest if you fill a sink or tub with soapy water, let the items soak, then rinse off and use a designated sponge for tough spots. Spray and wipe down all surfaces of the cage once weekly. If your foster pet uses hammocks or other washable bedding, wash them in your washing machine (or by hand.) If your washing machine is dirty after washing pet bedding, try running an empty cycle with white vinegar (Google "clean washing machine with vinegar" for detailed instructions.)

Remember to always remove animals from the cage before you begin cleaning it. Be sure to wash your hands well with soap and water after cleaning cages!

*Never use citrus products with male rats as this is very dangerous to them.

