

V. BEDDING, FOOD & WATER BOWLS

BEDDING:

My personal preference for bedding is the soft paper bedding and Aspen shavings mixed together. I love it for multiple reasons. One, it's soft! The hedgehogs get to lay on a nice cozy bedding under their igloos if they choose to lay outside of their snuggle sacks. Another is that they love to root around in the fresh bedding, this is a natural instinct for them. It is also very easy to clean. I'm able to spot clean little messes daily and thoroughly change the bedding once a week. Many owners use fleece. Some breeders and owners also use just Aspen shavings but you cannot use cedar as it is toxic to them. Below is the bedding I prefer. I also spray it with a mite preventative or you can freeze it before use if you are concerned it may carry mites. It is well known that there is the possibility every hedgehog will get mites once in their lifetime. It is an easily treatable condition by a visit to the vet but can also easily be prevented by taking precautions with their paper bedding such as freezing it before using it.

Kaytee Clean & Cozy White Small Animal Bedding

<https://a.co/4GfNcqW>

Kaytee Aspen Small Animal Bedding

<https://a.co/d/gQYBjnW>

FOOD AND WATER BOWLS:

We prefer ceramic bowls for food and water bottles for their water source. Many water bottles are very safe to use and are much more sanitary than water bowls. A smaller size bottle is best because it will remind you to refill it with fresh water daily just as you give them fresh food daily. Some of them are quite messy with their water bowls by tipping them or throwing objects in them within minutes of you replacing the fresh water. Every baby has had access to water by both sources.

Kaytee Stoneware Hamster Bowl, 3-Inch (2 Pack) <https://a.co/09E2UQi>

Hedgehog Quencher <https://sonorandeserthedgehogs.com/supplies>

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