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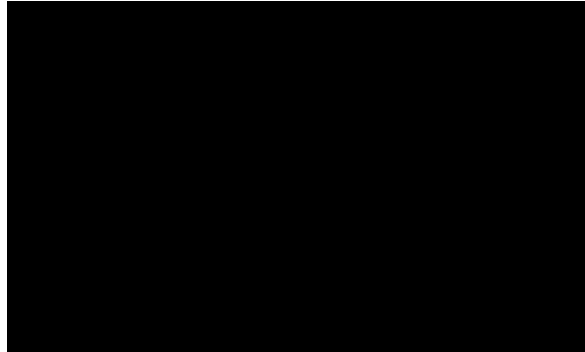
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Duprasi / Fat-Tailed Gerbils (Pachyuromys duprasi)



Country of Origin: Egypt and North Africa.

Diet: High quality gerbil mix, fruit and insects such as mealworms and crickets once or twice a week. Avoid the over-feeding of foods such as sunflower seeds and peanuts as these are high in fat and may result in obesity and health problem, leading to poor breeding performance. Specific to this rodent is the way in which it stores fat in its tail, as a camel would store water in its hump. This is because they have evolved to survive on limited food and water resources; therefore they only need to consume minimal amounts of water.

Social Groupings: Can be kept in single sex pairs, single mated pairs or trios consisting of two females and one male. Females have a tendency to become aggressive towards males when they become fully mature, to minimise the risk of this it is best to pair mixed couples together as soon as they are weaned.

Accommodation: Should be kept in a glass or plastic tank preferably, as they are inclined to burrow. Ideally kept on a litter bed of wood shavings, with plentiful hay to act as bedding.

Gestation Period	24 - 28 days
Litter Size	3 - 6
Weaning Age	4 - 5 weeks
Puberty	65 - 85 days
Adult Weight	110 - 120g
Oestrus (or season)	Every 6 - 7 days
Life Expectancy	2 - 3 years