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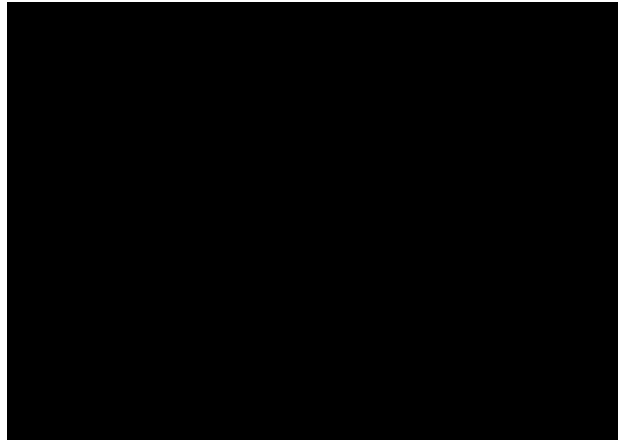
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Pallid Gerbil (Gerbillus Perpallidus)



Country of Origin: Arid areas of North Africa

Diet: Should consist of a good quality gerbil mix, slices of apple or carrot and similar fresh foods, and insects such as mealworms and locust hoppers. However avoid giving to many sunflower seeds and peanuts as these foods are extremely fattening to small rodents, and may be eaten excessively with the exclusion of all other components, leading to obesity and health problems, which may result in poor breeding. These foods are also low in calcium, and have been implicated in cases of osteoporosis in some rodents. Fresh water should be constantly available.

Social Groupings: These are social animals that are inclined to get bored and depressed when kept alone. They will live happily in single sex groups, however large groups of mixed sex may be unstable resulting in occasional outbreaks of violence. They are therefore best bred in single pairs.

Accommodation: Like other gerbils, they like burrowing, so should ideally be kept in a tank as opposed to a cage, with items suspended within it for climbing.

Gestation Period	20 - 22 days
Litter size	4 - 6
Weaning age	24 - 28 days
Puberty	65 - 85 days
Adult weight	85 - 100g
Oestrus (or season)	Every 6 days
Life expectancy	2 - 3 years