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Persian Jird (Meriones Persiscus)



Country of Origin: Central Asia and the Middle East

Diet: Like Mongolian Gerbils, the basic diet of the Persian Jird is a mixture of seeds and grains. However they are more omnivorous and relish variety. Unlike Mongolians they enjoy all types of fruit and vegetables, they also need a small amount of meat. Tinned cat food or mealworms at regular intervals are perfect.

Social Groupings: Persian Jirds form loose communities and in captivity will live contentedly in trios consisting of 1 male and 2 females or in small family groups.

Accommodation: A large aquarium with shavings as litter is the best accommodation for Jirds. Do not choose wire mesh floors it can cause irritation to their feet. They are good climbers and some simple climbing equipment will provide some entertainment. Jirds love to chew so something to keep their jaws busy is a must. Beware, they can make long leaps forward so may be difficult to catch.

Gestation Period	24 -26 days
Litter Size	2 - 6
Weaning Age	24 Days
Puberty	Females 10 weeks, Males 15 weeks
Adult Weight	100g
Life Expectancy	5 - 7 years