

Meet Buttercup

Directions: Read Buttercup's story and adoption profile below to learn more about her. Think about the kind of forever home that would be suitable for a gerbil like Buttercup. To learn more about what gerbils need, check out our Gerbil Care Guide.



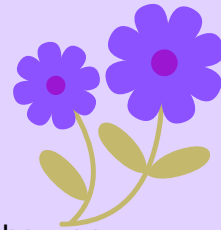
Buttercup's Story

Buttercup was purchased from a pet store along with another female gerbil named Daffodil. Unfortunately, these two girls did not get along and ended up fighting. The guardians realized the two could not live together and they only had enough space for one gerbil home.

Buttercup's guardians surrendered her and kept Daffodil.

Adoption Profile:

- 6 months old
- Female
- Lifespan 2 - 4 years
- Not spayed
- Scared of other animals
- Likes a big habitat with places to burrow, explore, and things to chew on
- Doesn't like to be handled much but could be convinced with a gentle, calm and patient guardian

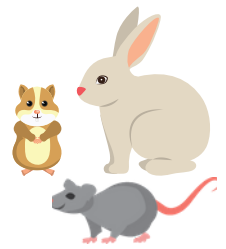


A Gazillion Gerbils!?



Gerbils are social and should have a gerbil companion that they get along with. To prevent squabbles, they should be kept in pairs that come from the same litter or be introduced to each other very young. However, make sure you don't mix the boys and girls together or you will end up with way too many gerbils!





Adoption Match

Directions: All of these people have applied to adopt Buttercup, but she can only have one forever family! Choose the perfect home for Buttercup by referring to her adoption profile and the BC SPCA [Gerbil Care](#) guide to find Buttercup's perfect match.

Applicant 1: Sarah Smith

Sarah has cared for gerbils before. She has a lazy 10 year old cat. Her brother is a veterinarian. She wants to play with her during the day and will make sure she has lots of tunnels and chewy toys.

Where will you keep Buttercup? A medium/large aquarium.

What will you do with Buttercup if you move? Take her with her! She would get a place that allows pets.



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____

Applicant 2: Lexi MacIntosh

Lexi would be a first time gerbil guardian. She has a cat and two large dogs. She has a veterinarian. When she goes on holidays, she will leave enough food and water in the cage for two weeks.

Where will you keep Buttercup? In the living room, in a wire cage with pine shavings.

What will you do with Buttercup if you move? Maybe give her to a friend or the SPCA



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____

Applicant 3: Jacob Johnson

Jacob has not been a gerbil guardian before. He has no other pets. He does not have a veterinarian. He will interact with Buttercup during the day and make sure she has lots of Carefresh and things to chew on (like cardboard).

Where will you keep Buttercup? In a very deep aquarium.

What will you do with Buttercup if you move? If the house was far away and didn't allow pets, he would look for a good new home for her.



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____