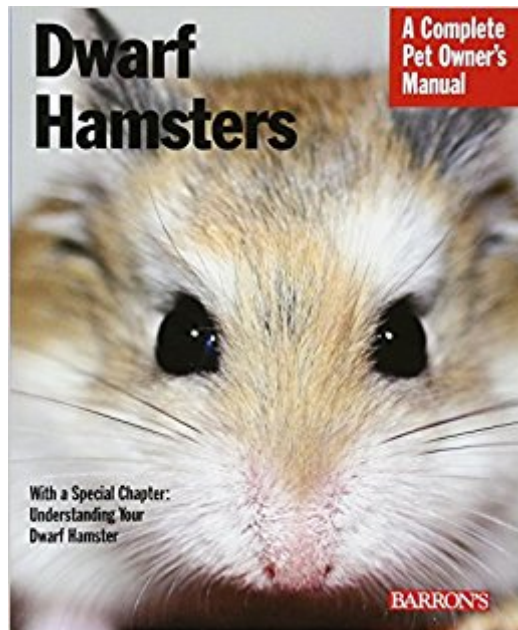




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(back cover) Information and advice to help you take good care of your Dwarf Hamsters Typical Dwarf Hamsters: their origins, anatomy, physical traits, temperament, and more Expert advice: feeding, health care, taming, exercise, and play activities Understanding your Dwarf Hamster: body language and its meaning Step-by-step directions for everyday care Informative and attractive sidebars Filled with handsome full-color photos (picture caption) Owners should handle these tiny playful creatures frequently to keep them tame and friendly. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm thinking about getting a little pet, possibly a dwarf hamster, so I got this book. It has sections on

"Introduction to Dwarf Hamsters," "Before You Buy," "Understanding Your Dwarf Hamster," "Accommodations," "Feeding Your Dwarf Hamster," "Health," "Raising Dwarf Hamsters," "Species-Specific Breeding Facts," "Breeding for Coat Colors and Textures," and "Information." Having read this 110 page book with loads of cute pictures of hamsters, I'm now certain that a Dwarf Hamster would be a good pet for me, and I know what species I want, what gender, how many, what sort of a hamster-house I need, what to feed them, how to handle them, what sort of care and cage-cleaning I'm in for, and what not to do with them. In other words, I'm all set. I would recommend you buy this book BEFORE you adopt a dwarf hamster, because you will be all set up for the little fella BEFORE you bring him home. Works better for you and the hamster.

I just finished reading this book from cover to cover. Loved it. I got it because of the great reviews, and because I got a dwarf hamster for the first time, and had only had the classic Syrian hamsters as a child. The author did a great job about giving details for each species of dwarf, as opposed to talking about them as one homogeneous group, like other books. They really do have their differences. I'll let you read the other reviews to see more about all that the book covers. It seems geared towards the adult or older teenage pet owner, though you can probably tell that from reading some of the pages in the "Click to Look Inside" feature. I think one important thing the reviewers haven't covered yet is the author's credentials. You can read them all on page 111 when you do the "Look Inside". Go to the back cover first, and then flip back a few pages. In short, the author has a D.V.M (Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine), and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Univ of California at Davis. Dr. Vanderlip has "provided veterinary care to exotic and domestic animal species for more than thirty years...authored twenty books on pet care....served as Clinical Veterinarian for the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine...." [on and on], has served as Chief of Veterinary Services for NASA, and even does seminars. Not only that, but apparently her husband, who is "an expert in laboratory and exotic animal medicine" has also helped her obtain recent scientific info. The book is copyrighted 2009 and 1999. So, yeah, it seems pretty darn up-to-date.

My hamster loving son loves the photos. I like all the information AND the photos. A very informative book. Who knew that there is such a difference between dwarf hamsters and regular hamsters. I just thought that the dwarfs were a smaller version.

I had hamsters for many years, and i am not saying this to brag. i know a lot about hamsters and

some small details there are not entirely true. for example, it says that you should never put a hamster in a ball to run. i disagree but part of what they are saying is the reason is true. read the book to know the reason. overall, the book is ensecure, but nice. but if you buy it dont follow everything they say or just buy some other bookl. again this is only my opinion.

I wish there was more specific info on Robos, but it was sorely lacking. I think it's also because Robos are just a newer breed in the recent decades. For other breeds (Campbells, winter white, chinese) there's a lot more info so might benefit you if you're an owner of one of those breeds.

I love this book. Before we got a dwarf hamster, we did lots of research and this book was a great addition to usual internet searches. Great information on the different varieties of dwarf hamsters readily available. We were able to go to the pet store armed with knowledge (you never know if your pet store's staff are truly knowledgeable or not). We decided on a Winter-White dwarf hamster and just love him. I'm sure we'll continue to reference this book as questions come up.

Very informative

I especially like the photos in the hamster book. It shows the four types of dwarf hamsters and describes them in great detail. It covers all needed areas such as feeding, breeding, illness and fun. It is a bit technical for my reading taste, but I doubt I could find a more helpful book on this subject.

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