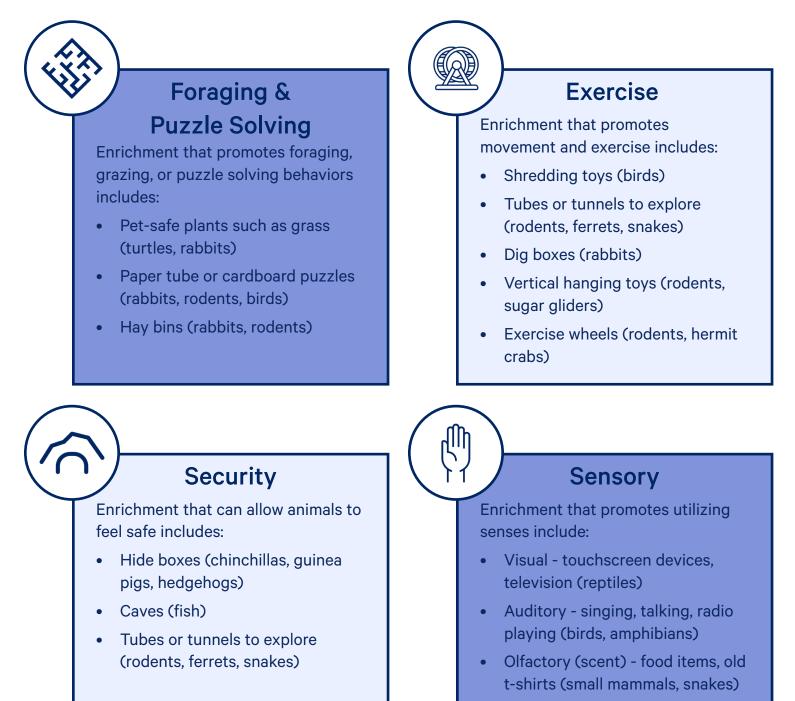
# Enrichment for Exotic Pets



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Enrichment is a practice of modifying an environment to enable an animal to display normal behaviors, which improves the well-being of that animal. Enrichment helps to keep animals both physically and mentally stimulated and can be created using common household items.



 Tactile - substrates of different textures (small mammals, amphibians)

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### **Shopping List**

Here you will find a list of common household items or other materials that can be used to create enrichment for your exotic pet.

### **Common Household Items**

- Paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Saved cardboard from packaged food or deliveries
- □ Bubble wrap
- Tupperware and plastic containers of all sizes
- □ Shredded paper
- □ Paper cups
- □ Touch screen devices
- □ Television
- 🗆 Radio
- Old t-shirts/sheets/pillowcases
- □ Small pillows
- □ Laundry bins

### Craft & Building Materials

- Fleeces and felt squares
- □ River polished stones, pebbles
- □ Non-toxic kids paint
- Plastic canvas sheets
- Clay or ceramic plant pots
- □ PVC pipe attachments
- □ Electrical tape
- $\hfill\square$  Dremel and sanding bits

#### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Stuffed animals
- Wooden toy blocks
- □ Aquarium safe caulk
- Driftwood
- Coconut hides

#### **Additional Resources:**

- <u>"Enrichment for Exotic Pets" with Dr. La'Toya Latney</u>
- <u>https://www.abyssinianguineapigtips.com/make-your-own-guinea-pig-toys/</u>
- <u>https://exoticanimalsupplies.com/diy-toilet-paper-roll-toys-small-pets/</u>
- <u>http://www.lovepetsdiy.com/category/pet-toys/</u>
- https://www.pinterest.com/pin/397724210837449599/
- <u>https://petfaves.com/make-bird-toys-household-items</u>
- <u>https://www.pinterest.com/lvl2/animal-enrichment-ideas/</u>