

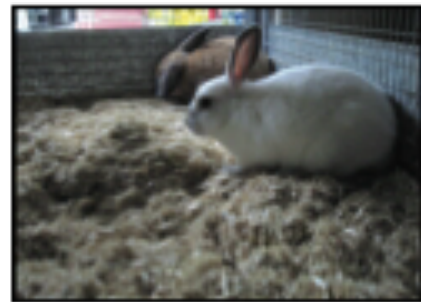
# MiniHemp® for Small Animal Bedding



Animal bedding is an important factor in the living environments of small animals, as using the wrong type of bedding may cause respiratory illnesses. Many bedding materials contain excess oils and aromas that rodents and other small animals cannot be exposed to for long periods of time, being more than one or two cleanings.

Animal bedding such as softwood shavings and recycled paper pulp seems to be a popular bedding material for small animals. However, amongst rodent handlers, it has also been reported to cause the most sneezing in their rats and mice.

Keep in mind that your rat, mouse, rabbit, guinea pig and other small animals has its nose close to whatever bedding you provide for a large percentage of an average day, so it is not ideal to use highly fragranced or dusty bedding materials.



Firstly, the acids given off by softwoods like pine and cedar beddings are detrimental and damaging to the respiratory tract, which could cause your small animals to be susceptible to respiratory infections.



Secondly, recycled paper, cedar and pine beddings tend to contain phenols which gives them their 'fresh' scents, but are toxic, causing the small animal's liver to work overtime to cope with them. This can lead to constant stress on a small animal's body and problems with its immune system. It can also affect the absorption of medicines given to treat other health issues.

MiniHemp® is a great bedding material for rats and mice as the structure of the hemp hurd allows for easy tunnelling. Hemp bedding performs much better than other softwood-based beddings, as it is dust-free and will not irritate the upper respiratory system.

MiniHemp® bedding is a safe bedding option for small animals. Hemp hurd contains a natural oil which contains an insect repellent that will prevent the hosting of mites.

Bedding treated with either eucalyptus or citronella oil is particularly poisonous to guinea pigs, so any bedding containing this oil must never be used for guinea pigs as they do enjoy chewing their bedding.



OzHemp/MiniHemp® as small animal bedding.