



To keep your pets happy and healthy we advise a yearly check up with your vet as medical problems are more easily treated if detected at an early stage

- Degus do not require any vaccinations
- Preventive parasite treatment is not recommended or necessary.
- Sexual maturity occurs between 3- 4 months of age. Male degus may be castrated from 3 months of age in order to reduce fighting, or prevent reproduction
- Female degus are not routinely spayed unless there is a concern about reproductive disease
- We recommend weighing your degus on a weekly basis at home to monitor for any signs of weight loss. The average weights are 170 – 300g with females being slightly heavier.
- Dental check ups are recommended every 3 – 6 months

We highly recommend that you take out a pet insurance policy. For a monthly fee your pet can receive the best treatment at an affordable cost. There is normally an excess to pay for each condition then after that costs are covered up to a set limit. Once you have the policy, please provide us with a copy of your insurance details. There are a lot of different companies and policies available and we suggest you contact a number of them for information- we have a leaflet advising what to look out for. Our advice is to choose a policy which provides cover for chronic illness for the life of your pet. If this policy is too much for you then the best cover you can afford will provide piece of mind in an accident or emergency.

The most common health issues in degus can be avoided if the diet is correct and obesity is avoided.

- Diabetes is common because of diets containing fruit and nuts and is linked to obesity in this species. It can be avoided by making sure the diet is correct and the degu does not become overweight.
- Liver disease associated with obesity
- Cataracts relating to obesity and diabetes
- Dental disease relating to too much commercial food and treats and not enough hay being eaten
- Diarrhoea from incorrect diet

