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Exotic Companion **Mammal Enrichment**

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Sunday, December 8

3 pm EST (New York) (UTC -5)

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Enrichment is essential to improve the quality of life of our companion small mammals. Safe toys, distractions, and healthy food treats that stimulate species-specific natural behaviors can reduce boredom and destructive behaviors,

increase exercise, and provide mental stimulation. The five main areas of enrichment will be explored: social, physical, nutritional, sensory, and occupational. Examples of each category will be discussed, including resources and ideas that are readily available to the practitioner or pet owner.



Lecture outline

- I. Benefits of enrichment
- II. Use of species-specific biology, natural history
- III. Consequences of limited enrichment
- IV. Types of enrichment
- V. Enrichment strategies by species
- VI. Sources of small mammal enrichment toys and items

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