

What species is my hamster?

There are FIVE species of hamster regularly kept as pets in the UK.

Chinese Hamster

Available in 3 colours:-“Normal”:- plain brown. “White”, and “Dominant Spotted”:-white & brown patched, as picture below shows.



Roborovski Hamster

Although most Roborovskis are the colour of those shown in the picture below, they are now available in “Husky”:- white faced & “Pied”:- brown/grey & white patches.



Syrian Hamster

Syrian Hamsters are available in Long & Short Haired varieties, plus Satin & Rex Coated.



Syrian Hamsters are available in multitude of colours & Patterns, including:- Cream, Yellow, Golden, Black, White, Sable, Mink, Dark Grey, Lilac, Silver Grey, Melanistic Yellow, Tortoiseshell...etc etc

Russian Dwarf Campbell

The more common of the 2 Russian species. Available in a multitude of colours and patterns, including:- “Argente”:- Orangey brown, with grey undercoat & red eyes. “Albino”:- white with red eyes.



Russian Dwarf Winter White

(sometimes referred to as Siberians)

Winter Whites are available in 3 colours:- “Pearl”:- white, with black eyes (as pictured below). “Normal”:- shades of black and grey, (as pictured below). And “Sapphire”:- a Smokey blue grey colour.



Please note that Campbell's and Winter Whites can cross-species breed, resulting in “Hybrids”, therefore, some hamsters sold as “Russians” may be a cross-bred species. Some Hybrids can suffer from health issues; therefore we recommend you do NOT cross species breed.

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