

# ALL ABOUT Nutritional Enrichment

Providing the right balance of daily nutrition helps ensure that our pets are happy and healthy. Even with the right balance, however, you may wonder if you can do more to make your pet's mealtime routine more enriching. Read on for some fun and easy ways to add enrichment to your pet's daily nutrition.

## HAY

High quality grass hay is the cornerstone of a small herbivore's diet. Hay provides the fiber that is essential to keeping small pets' digestive tracts functioning properly. So, what's the simplest and most effective way to add nutritional enrichment to this all-important component of your pet's daily diet? Variety! The benefits of providing hay variety include:

- Expanding your pet's palate by allowing them to experience different tastes and textures
- Keeping mealtime interesting and fun, and encouraging the consumption of important fiber
- Helping pets manage the natural variability between different crops of hay to help prevent picky eating

## ENRICHMENT ALL-STARS

Try Oxbow's Botanical Hay or Harvest Stacks. Botanical Hay consists of premium Western Timothy and an aromatic combination of lavender, chamomile, lemon balm, and clover. Harvest Stacks invite interaction and add mental and physical enrichment to mealtime.



## Say hello to our new Prime Cut Hays!



Oxbow's Prime Cut Hays offer the dental and digestive health benefits that small herbivores need and the exact taste and texture they want. Prime Cut Hay comes in two varieties: Hearty & Crunchy, and Soft & Lush. With Oxbow Prime Cut, pet parents feed their pet's need to explore and forage by providing an ultra-premium experience.

## { Variety is the spice of life! }

### BOTANICAL HAY



### WESTERN TIMOTHY HAY



### OAT HAY



### ALFALFA HAY



### ORCHARD GRASS HAY



### ORGANIC MEADOW HAY



### HAY BLENDS



### HARVEST STACKS





## FORTIFIED FOOD

A measured amount of a uniformly nutritious fortified food provides the key vitamins and minerals small pets need to thrive. Small pets should be provided with a consistent routine when it comes to the type and amount of fortified food they receive each day. That doesn't mean that foods can't play a role in enrichment, though! Try placing your pet's food dish in different parts of the habitat each day, or hide your pet's food in a pile of hay to encourage foraging. This will challenge your pet spatially and require them to think about a part of their day that they may otherwise take for granted.

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## FRESH GREENS

Fresh greens are a natural and nutritious source of daily enrichment that can benefit both herbivores and omnivores. Greens also provide important vitamins and minerals, and help keep pets hydrated.



## ACCESSORIES

Many small animals are prey species with natural instincts to run and hide when faced with stress. To support these instincts, it's important to provide numerous spaces throughout your pet's habitat for rest and relaxation. Many hideout options exist, but some options are more enriching than others. Hand-woven, all-hay accessories from Oxbow's Timothy CLUB are 100% edible, making them an ideal choice if you're looking for innovative nutritional enrichment.

## TREATS



Treats are an important tool for strengthening the human animal bond; just remember to feed them in moderation. Healthy treats provide enrichment in the form of novel flavors and textures. Oxbow's Simple Rewards Treats provide many healthy options.

### *Location is key!*

Looking for ways to encourage your pet to consume more hay? Place piles of hay in various locations throughout your pet's living space, including inside the litterbox and in their play pen. The more dining locations, the better!



## HIDE-AND-SEEK, ANYONE?

Treats are even better when they're earned! For a fun activity, hide your pet's favorite treat in various locations, including in hay. Stuffing some hay and pieces of a treat into a spacious hideout can provide your pet with a fun foraging station! Options also abound with our Enriched Life products, which are designed with small mammals' natural instincts in mind.

