

# Otis



**What am I?**

A Duprasi (Fat Tailed Gerbil)

**Where do I live in the wild?**

In the North African Desert. I am nocturnal and I would spend my days sleeping in a burrow under the sand.

**How am I looked after as a pet?**

I live in a large cage with lots of tubes and boxes to hide in and chew, plus toys to play with. I love my wheel and run miles every night! I also love to dig tunnels and chew up cardboard.

**What do I eat?**

A mix of rodent muesli, cereals, seeds and little bit of cat kibble. I love fruit and veg and insects too.

**What do I look like?**

I am a little creature with sand coloured fur, big ears and huge eyes so I can see in the dark. I have a short fat tail that is a bit like a camel's hump. I store water and energy in it so I can survive in the desert.

**Why do we love them?**

Otis is a very laid back and gentle creature who can be handled by anyone. He is also super cute!

## Our Stories

I came to live with Lion Learners East Midlands when I was 8 weeks old and ready to leave my mum and sisters. I was the only boy in my litter so I live on my own as Duprasi aren't good at meeting strangers. I quite like living by myself, though as I can arrange my cage just how I want it!



### Where can we visit?

Almost anywhere including outdoor events. Schools, parties, children's centres, holiday clubs, after school clubs, libraries etc. I can even be handled by gentle pre-school children with adult supervision. I am gentle and good at sitting still.

My small size means I am not well suited to care homes or being handled by unsupervised pre-school children or those still learning to be gentle. (Check out our rabbits and guinea pigs who will be mor than happy to visit you).