

Drinking bottle or water bowl – Which one is better?

The water bowl is clearly preferred. In an experiment, where they had drinking bottles as well as bowls, it was preferred by rabbits, hamsters and gerbils. Also after a few days of habituation, the bowl was clearly preferred.

A water bowl is more hygienic. A water bowl pollutes faster by e.g. litter, hay, fur and excrements, but it is quicker and easier to clean. You may think that a drinking bottle does not contaminate, but in the inaccessible corners, algae and bacteria accumulate quickly, which contaminate the water already during filling. The water bottles seduce not to change the water every day. In addition, most of the water bottles aren't completely sealed and water will drip into the litter.

A water bowl ensures natural drinking. For water bottles, the animals often have to bend unnaturally to drink. The water always comes only in small droplets from the nipples and the animal must always lick the unpleasant metal piece, so that great thirst can not be quenched quickly. Also, only one animal can drink from the water bottle. At a water bowl several animals can drink at the same time.

The best is a heavy ceramic water bowl. It can be placed on a litter-free and elevated level, so it can not be overturned or undermined. Also, it does not pollute so quickly. You should change the water in the morning and evening. It only needs one minute.



We prefer to drink from a water bowl !



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