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MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS SHORTS
Pied Piper of Hamsters
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FADE IN

SC 1 - INT. ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER - AFTERNOON

FLUTTERSHY leads RARITY through the Animal Rescue Center.

1	FLUTTERSHY	1
	Thanks for coming, Rarity. The Rescue center needs all the help it can get.	

2	RARITY	2
	But of course, darling.	

Rarity kneels down to nuzzle with the cutest puppy in the world, then turns to do the same with an equally cute kitten.

3	RARITY (CONT'D)	3
	(in a cutesy voice) Helping cute little puppies and kitties will never go out of style.	

4	FLUTTERSHY	4
	Our job today is even more important than that. Once a year a lucky volunteer gets to clean the Hamster Habitat.	

Fluttershy points to THE BIGGEST HAMSTER HABITAT KNOWN TO MAN. Plastic tubes crisscross the room, running from floor to ceiling and out the door.

5	RARITY	5
	Gets to?	

6	FLUTTERSHY	6
	It's quite an honor. I signed up months ago to be sure I'd get it.	

7	RARITY	7
	I see.	

8	FLUTTERSHY	8
	But don't worry. I'll do the cleaning. You just handle the hamsters.	

With that, Fluttershy lifts away the end of one of the tubes. A single hamster tentatively sniffs at the opening.

9	RARITY	9
	Handle, like, with my hands?	

10 FLUTTERSHY 10
They're really just like bunnies.

11 RARITY 11
Really?

12 FLUTTERSHY 12
(nods)
Of course. They're both rodents.

13 RARITY 13
Rodents?

The tentative hamster makes his way out of the tube, followed by a steady stream of his friends-- all heading toward Rarity, still kneeling on the floor.

Rarity's eyes go wide as the swarm of hamsters climb up her arms and legs, sniffing her curiously.

14 RARITY (CONT'D) 14
Fluttershy?

CUT TO:

INT. ANIMAL RESUCE CENTER - LATER

Fluttershy finishes cleaning the last section of habitat, puts on her backpack and walks out to find...

Rarity has the hamsters performing a miniature fashion week-style runway show.

15 RARITY 15
(to a hamster)
Work the whole floor, dear. That fur isn't going to show itself.

16 FLUTTERSHY 16
It's so nice to see you all getting along.

Fluttershy looks down at the hamsters.

17 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D) 17
Okay, everyone, time to go home.

Fluttershy gestures toward the habitat, but the hamsters just stare at her for a moment, then take off in every direction.

18 RARITY 18
It is hard to go home again, once
you've had a taste of the fashion
world.

In a series of quick cuts, the girls try to corral the hamsters:

FLUTTERSHY - lays a trail of food pellets up to the habitat, but the hamster swarm simply eats the trail and scatters.

RARITY - holds a tiny, hamster-sized dress up to one of the tubes. A hamster crawls up, sniffs it, then turns up it's nose and runs off.

19 RARITY (CONT'D) 19
Well!

FLUTTERSHY - digs through her backpack for something to use and pulls out... a TAMBOURINE.

RARITY - digs through her backpack and pulls out... a small bolt of FABRIC.

RARITY - chases a group of hamsters using her fabric like a net.

FLUTTERSHY - chases some hamsters using her tambourine like a scoop.

BOTH SETS OF HAMSTERS - stop short as the two girls run into each other. Rarity wraps Fluttershy in fabric as the tambourine flies through the air and crashes to the floor.

The hamsters all stop, transfixed until the instrument's tinkling bells stop. Fluttershy quickly grabs the tambourine and shakes it. The hamsters look on, hypnotized by the sound.

20 RARITY (CONT'D) 20
Well, don't stop now, dear. You've
found your audience.

Fluttershy proceeds to play the tambourine, dancing as she spins and twirls her instrument, shaking and slapping it in a double-time, syncopated rhythm.

Mesmerized, the hamsters follow her in a single line through the center, as she PONYS-UP-- growing ears and a tail.

Finally she leads the line of hamsters up to the habitat and inside as Rarity brings up the rear-- also spellbound by Fluttershy's playing.

Rarity walks up to the habitat and bumps into it, coming to.
Fluttershy stops playing and rushes to her side.

21 FLUTTERSHY 21
I'm so sorry, Rarity. Are you okay?

22 RARITY 22
Don't be silly, dear. I'm fine. I
mean you obviously have a knack
with these creatures, but I'm no
hamster.

Rarity looks in through one of the tubes at a hamster wearing
a tiny scarf. The hamster flips it's scarf and turns away,
insulted.

FADE OUT.