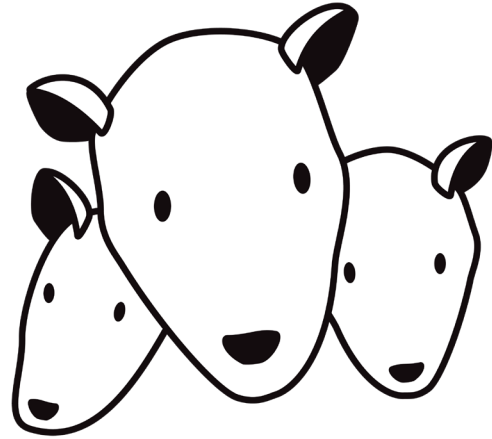


Rat Factsheet



It's important to keep your pet happy and healthy, so find out the five basic welfare needs for rats in this fun factsheet.

Home

Home comforts.

Rats love lots of **space** to run around and explore in! Look at this brilliant rat home in the picture opposite. How many hammocks and toys can you count in the cage?



Diet

Feeding time.

Rats need to be fed a healthy and balanced diet, twice a day, to keep them happy!

Why not try making your own tasty rat food? Find out how on page two. Always provide fresh, clean drinking water daily too.



Companionship

Pet pals.

Rats are sociable and need the company of ratty friends to be happy. Either as a pair or in a group, they will love playing together and snuggling up to sleep with each other.



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Vet Care

Health and wellbeing.

You should always keep a rat's home nice and clean, as they can suffer with breathing problems. Wash their hammocks and the bars of their cage, and use shredded paper instead of sawdust on the floor.



Normal behaviour

Keep your pet happy.

As rats are nifty little scavengers, they love to forage for food so hide it around their home and toys. Always playful and inquisitive, they love an adventure! So use pipes and tunnels for them to run through, old metal CD frames to climb on, and ropes or pleated fabric for them to run along or balance on top of. A hammock is also a must have for snooze time.



Try this homemade rat recipe for your pet!

Mix together: 6 scoops of rabbit/rat muesli, ½ scoop dog biscuits, a handful of healthy seeds, nuts, dried fruit or dried noodles, 3 scoops of healthy, low sugar breakfast cereal like cornflakes or Weetabix and half a scoop of uncooked wholemeal pasta.