



Mice

FACT: If you measure a mouse's brain in comparison to its body weight then it is bigger than a human's brain!

Mice are mainly nocturnal which means they spend most of their time sleeping during the day and are awake at night.

It is better to keep boys and girls separately to avoid them breeding and you ending up with lots and lots of little mice. Groups of girls can live together in groups but males kept together will sometimes fight.

Most mice live for an average of 12 to 24 months.

A house for your mouse

Your mouse will need a safe cage that it can't escape from. Plastic ones are the best because your mouse can't gnaw its way out and they're very easy to keep clean and hygienic.

You'll need to put plenty of bedding which absorbs moisture in your mouse's cage to keep him or her nice and comfy and clean.

Your mouse will also need a water bottle to drink from and a little bowl to put their food in, along with any toys you choose for them to keep them busy and entertained.

Holding and stroking your mouse

When you first get your mouse he or she might be a bit scared of you because you're so big compared to them! So it's important to give your new pet time to settle in and get used to you and your smell.

You can encourage your mouse to walk into your cupped hands which is the best way for them to be picked up and stroked. Try not to move your hands too quickly so that you don't frighten your mouse. Be aware, that a frightened mouse will sometimes bite!

Most vets and vet nurses will hold your mouse by the scruff of the neck and the bottom of their tail to support them. This enables them to better examine them and give any medications that are necessary.

What should I feed my mouse?

You can buy a complete mouse food from a good local pet shop. Your mouse will

also like a small amount of fruit and vegetables as a treat.

Always ensure your mouse has access to clean fresh water.

If you have any further queries about caring for your mouse, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with us at Hillside Vets and we will endeavour to give you all the information you require.

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