



CHECKING YOUR MICE

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGULARLY CHECK YOUR MICE FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE REASONS

- Visually check them morning and evening. Watch each mouse in the cage without disturbing them, and then lift the cage lid to check that each mouse is moving, breathing well, sitting normally and has bright eyes and a shiny coat.
- Physically examine each mouse at least once a week. Run your fingers over their body to check for any lumps, bumps and that the animal is physically normal (not too skinny or too fat). It is best to do this at the same time as cleaning their cage to minimise the disturbance caused.
- Weigh your mice regularly, to make sure that they are not rapidly gaining or losing weight. It is best to do this at the same time as cleaning to minimise disturbance.
- Always handle your mice in a safe, considerate and confident manner.

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