



## RSPCA Rat Care Advice

### RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



## HANDLING YOUR RATS

**ALWAYS HANDLE YOUR RATS CAREFULLY AND CONSIDERATELY, IN A CONFIDENT BUT GENTLE MANNER.**

- Never pick up a rat using their tail as they find this stressful, and it can injure them.
- Allow them to investigate your hands in their own time.
- When picking up your rat, let them sniff your hand before gently lifting them up, with one hand placed under the body and the other loosely over their back.
- Never hold your rats at a height; if they jump or fall they can injure themselves.



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