



RSPCA Rat Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



GNAWING BEHAVIOUR

PROVIDE YOUR RATS WITH SUITABLE GNAWING MATERIAL TO PREVENT THEIR TEETH FROM GROWING CONTINUOUSLY AND CAUSING HEALTH PROBLEMS AND PAIN

- Rats teeth continuously grow, therefore gnawing on suitable material helps to wear down your rats teeth and help to prevent health problems.
- Suitable gnawing materials include commercially available wooden items, bits of fruit wood branches (i.e. apple wood) or low calories dog biscuits.
- If your rats are gnawing at their cage bars, then you might need to give them a bigger cage as this behaviour can often be a sign that they are trying to escape.



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