

## **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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