

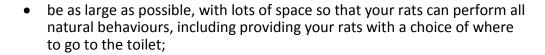
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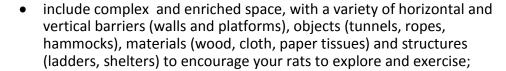
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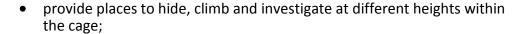


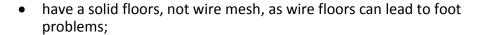
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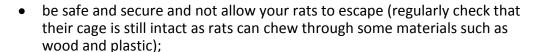
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MAKE SURE THAT THE TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY OF ANY PLACE YOU HOUSE YOUR RATS IS APPROPRIATE. THEIR HOME-CAGE SHOULD BE:

- kept in an area of the house which does not get very hot or cold(i.e. not kept in a conservatory, garage or shed) (an ideal temperature for rats is 19-23°C);
- kept away from extremes of humidity (i.e. not kept in bathrooms or in air conditioned rooms);
- located away from dirty and/or dusty environments;
- well ventilated but kept out of draughts;
- moved to a cooler part of the home if summer temperatures are high.



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MAKE SURE THAT THEIR HOME-CAGE IS KEPT AWAY FROM HIGH PITCHED SOUNDS, ULTRASOUND, LONG TERM AND UNPREDICTABLE SUDDEN BURSTS OF NOISE.

DO NOT HOUSE THEM NEAR:

- alarms, telephones, door-bells, lawnmowers, vacuum cleaners, stereo's/HiFi's and high-pressure hoses;
- electrical equipment (such as computer screens, tvs etc);
- anywhere where water might run into metal containers (such as the kitchen);
- any other high pitched or sudden bursts of sound.









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