

RSPCA Mouse Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



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MICE CAN BECOME UNWELL AND GO DOWNHILL VERY QUICKLY, BUT MAY OFTEN ONLY SHOW SUBTLE SIGNS OF BEING IN PAIN OR DISTRESS, OR THAT THEY ARE SUFFERING, UNTIL IT IS VERY SEVERE.

TAKE YOUR MICE TO A VET IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THEM SHOW ANY OF THE **FOLLOWING SIGNS**



- not eating or drinking;
- hiding away from the other mice, more than usual;
- sitting in a hunched-up position;
- ruffled or 'starry/spikey' fur and/or a dirty, stained or dull coat;
- reddened or sore looking skin;
- sunken or dull looking eyes;
- discharges from their eyes or nose;
- losing weight, or quickly putting weight on;
- drinking lots;
- diarrhoea;
- urinating lots or not at all;
- chattering a clicking sound when they breathe;
- slow, irregular or fast breathing;
- very dark red or pale limbs, ears, or nose;
- very hot, or very cold limbs;
- head tilted;
- fitting, twitching, tremors or shivering;
- grating their teeth;
- difficulty walking, or unsteady balance;
- not using a limb;
- self mutilation, or gnawing at themselves;
- hot, swollen stomach;
- any injuries or abnormal lumps or bumps.

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