



RSPCA Mouse Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



HOME CAGE

MAKE SURE THAT THEIR HOME-CAGE IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR MICE

- The cage floor should be solid to allow bedding material (of an adequate depth) to be provided. Wire mesh or grid flooring is not suitable.
- The cage should allow for adequate air circulation. Aquariums do not make suitable cages for mice.
- There must be sufficient space within the home-cage to provide suitable species appropriate enrichment (such as cardboard tubes, tunnels, hammocks, gnawing blocks) whilst still allowing generous space for the mice. Mice must be monitored to check that the provision of particular objects does not upset the social balance of the group.
- Surfaces such as shelves, climbing facilities or similar objects should be provided (though they should not be able to fall from a height).
- Mice should always have access to the inside of the cage lid so that they can climb (though they should not be able to fall from a height). Solid lids are not suitable for mice.
- The cage should be easy to clean. Wooden cages are not suitable as wood can absorb urine, and is not easily cleaned.
- The cage must be secure and not allow your mice to escape. Make sure that it is made of an appropriate material and make regular checks of the cage to make sure that they are not chewing through the cage structure.



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