



### NESTING MATERIAL

#### PROVIDE YOUR MICE WITH APPROPRIATE NESTING MATERIAL

- All rodents need nesting material to regulate their body temperature and many rodents are highly motivated to build nests even when kept in warm conditions.
- Suitable materials are hay, shredded paper, paper strips and paper tissues.
- Provide your mice with a variety of different nesting materials to give them a choice over what they use and so they can build good nests.
- Do not provide your mice with nesting materials that separate into thin strands such as cotton wool or similar 'fluffy' bedding products. They pose a serious risk to their health and welfare. There is concern that this material can cause harm if eaten. Furthermore the thin strands that form in this material can be difficult to break. This can lead to an animal becoming tangled up in its bedding, and/or loss of circulation in tangled limbs resulting in amputation or unfortunately euthanasia.
- Highly absorbent materials should not be used for nesting material for new-born or young animals.

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