RSPCA Mouse Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET

REDUCING THE STRESS OF TRANSPORTATION

DO NOT TRANSPORT YOUR MICE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AS THIS CAN BE INCREDIBLY STRESSFUL FOR THEM.

IF YOU HAVE TO TRANSPORT YOUR MICE, MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS AND THAT YOU REDUCE THE STRESS OF TRANSPORTATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE

- Use a suitable, secure pet cage.
- Make sure your mice have access to food and water. (Food can be given as pellets, and to avoid spillages and/or the flooding of the cage, water can be given as pieces of apple, pear, or potato unless it is a long journey).
- Give your mice bedding material for comfort, and place used, unsoiled nesting material in the transport cage.
- Transport any cage mates that the mouse is usually housed with, with them. This not only helps to reduce the stress of transport, but can also help to reduce aggression upon re-introduction to their group.
- Make sure the transport cage has a cover to keep it dark. However it is important that it also allows air to pass in and out of the cage for ventilation.
- Transport them in a quiet, air-conditioned car, rather than on public transport.
- Plan your route to minimise journey time and maintain suitable comfort and environmental conditions.

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