



RSPCA Rat Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



Environment

RATS AND THEIR WHISKERS

NEVER TRIM YOUR RATS' WHISKERS

- Rats' whiskers are delicate and highly sensitive.
- They use their whiskers to help guide them around objects and their environment, as well as to balance. This is essential for an animal active in the dark and with poor vision.
- Damage to their whiskers is a considerable welfare concern, as it deprives the rat of one of their ways of moving about and exploring their environment.



Diet



Behaviour



Company



Health and welfare

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