

## **RSPCA Rat Care Advice**

## RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



## **SHELTERS**

## MAKE SURE YOU GIVE YOUR RATS SUITABLE SHELTERS AND PLACES TO HIDE:

- Each rat must always have access to a safe, dark, hiding place where they can escape if they feel afraid, where they can build a nest and sleep and rest, and where they can get out of the light.
- Make sure that multiple shelters are available in their home cage to avoid competition with their cage mates, and to allow them to choose where they rest.
- Any shelter must have multiple exits, and should allow all rats to sleep inside should they wish to sleep together.
- Large cardboard tubes make good shelters as they not only provide rats somewhere to hide, but rats also like to chew and manipulate them.









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