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MOUSE CARE

The common pet mouse () is a small rodent available in a variety of colours and types. They can make great pets due to their intelligence and social nature. They may be easily trained if handled well from an early age.

Longevity: Mice usually live between 1-3 years, if looked after correctly.

Sociability: Mice are sociable animals and are best kept in single sex groups or as a breeding pair. Male mice may show aggression towards each other when housed together, so housing two male mice together may lead to fighting. To avoid unwanted offspring, it is recommended to neuter mixed sex groups, males are easier to neuter than females.

Environment:

Diet:

Mice are naturally omnivorous, eating whatever they can find in the wild.

In captivity, they may be fed commercial rodent pellets (rather than muesli, to avoid selective eating) with additional fresh fruit and vegetables.

Small portion of hay to be placed in the cage daily.

1 small handful of vegetables and some fruit daily (Remove from the cage if not eaten, before the fruit ferments).

Beware overfeeding sugary "treats" as obesity and dental problems are commonly seen.

Water should always be freely available via a drinking bottle and changed daily.

Environmental enrichment

