



MOUSE CARE GUIDE: HOUSING

CAGE

Size: Minimum of one cubic foot per 1–2 mice.

Material: Aquarium tanks and tub/bin cages are ideal as they provide the size, security, and depth needed for mice to thrive. Mice do best in deep cages with layers of bedding and tunnels to explore and nest in. Wire cages with bars are unable to hold in bedding and bar spacing must be minimal to avoid escape. **Habitrails are not ideal for mice because they are too small and are very difficult to clean.**

BEDDING

Good

- CareFresh
- Shredded paper
- Paper towels
- Yesterday's News (paper pellets)
- Fleece

Bad

- Cedar
- Pine
- Corn cob
- Saw dust
- Clay cat litter



BEDDING TIP

Use paper pellets to line the bottom of the cage then add high layers of shredded paper or CareFresh for nesting/burrowing. Avoid all wood bedding as it can lead to respiratory illness.

FURNISHINGS

Decking out your mouse cage with essential furnishings and an assortment of fun stuff to do is incredibly important for the happiness and well-being of your mouse. In addition to providing a variety of items, it is ideal to periodically change out the toys and furnishings for them. The cage should be full of things to do — places to climb, burrow, things to chew, tunnels, tubes to hide, etc.



Essentials

- Water bottle
- Food dish
- Shelter (box, igloo, etc.)
- Chew toy (wood, lava)
- Nesting material for burrowing and tunneling making
- Wheel with a solid base (never wire)

Fun Stuff

- Tunnels
- Bird toys
- Treat balls
- Paper
- Bits of fabric
- Ladders
- Cardboard
- Old socks
- Paper towel rolls

Why chew toys? A mouse's teeth constantly grow. They require chew toys to gnaw on in order to keep their teeth trim.

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