



Wet Pets N Critters

Pet Mice Care Guide

Mice are small, active, and intelligent pets that are fun to watch and can become friendly with regular handling. With proper care, mice typically live **1.5–3 years**.

Housing

- **Cage Size:**
 - Minimum: **24x12x12 inches** for 2–3 mice. A larger cage is better for exercise and enrichment.
- **Bar Spacing:**
 - No more than **1/4 inch** to prevent escapes.
- **Bedding:**
 - Use **paper-based bedding** or **aspen shavings** (available at Wet Pets N Critters).
 - Avoid cedar or pine bedding—these can cause respiratory problems.
- **Cage Setup:**
 - Include **hides, tunnels, climbing toys, and chew toys** for mental stimulation.

Social Needs

Mice are **social animals** and do best in **same-sex groups**. Keeping at least **two or more mice** together is recommended for companionship.

Diet

- **Staple Diet:**
 - Feed a **high-quality mouse pellet or block diet** (available at Wet Pets N Critters).
- **Fresh Foods (in moderation):**
 - Offer small amounts of fresh vegetables (broccoli, carrots, spinach) and fruits (apple, banana, berries).
- **Occasional Treats:**
 - Small animal-safe treats such as yogurt drops or whole grains.
- Provide **fresh water daily** in a water bottle or heavy dish.

Avoid:

- Sugary, salty, or processed human foods.
- Citrus fruits.

Chewing

Mice need to chew to keep their teeth healthy! Provide **chew toys**, untreated wood blocks, or cardboard tubes.

Exercise & Enrichment

Mice are very active! They need:

- **Daily playtime** in a secure, supervised area.
- **Solid-surface exercise wheels** (avoid wire wheels).
- **Tunnels, climbing toys, and foraging items.**

Rotate toys weekly to prevent boredom.

Cleaning & Maintenance

- Spot-clean daily to remove waste and uneaten food.
- Change bedding at least **once a week**.
- Clean the cage and accessories with a **small animal-safe cleaner** (available at Wet Pets N Critters) weekly.
- Wash food and water dishes daily.

Handling & Taming

- Handle gently and regularly to build trust. Let your mouse explore your hands and avoid sudden movements.
- Always support their body; never grab a mouse by the tail.

Health Tips

Signs of a healthy mouse:

- Bright, clear eyes
- Clean, smooth fur
- Active, curious behavior
- Normal eating and droppings

Signs of illness:

- Sneezing, wheezing, or labored breathing
- Hair loss or scabs
- Lethargy or weight loss

Contact a small animal-savvy veterinarian if you notice any concerns.

Supplies Checklist (Available at Wet Pets N Critters)

- Large cage with tight bar spacing
- Paper-based bedding or aspen shavings
- Mouse pellets or block diet
- Water bottle or bowl

- Food dishes
- Chew toys
- Tunnels, hides, and climbing toys
- Solid-surface exercise wheel
- Small animal-safe cleaner
- Foraging toys