



Rats love space pods!

Where to find your new friend

We always advocate for adopt don't shop!

- Our website has an up to date list of current pets available for adoption.
- Check out your local humane society or city shelter.
- Check online to see if you have a local rescue that specializes in small pets.
- Check for locals re-homing their pet that they may no longer be able to keep on Craigslist & Facebook!

References

www.ratguide.com

<http://www.ratfanclub.org/>

Real Rat Lovers Want to Know
(Facebook group)



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Flower City Critters is a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization based in Rochester NY. We are dedicated to ensuring the welfare of all small animals and placing them in loving homes.



RAT CARE 101

Your guide to owning pet rats.



A rats dream home!

The Basics

Rats can live up to 2-3 years! They are very social animals that should be kept in same sex pairs (or more!).

Rats require a large wire cage with a minimum of 2 cubic feet of space per rat.

Rats cannot live in a glass aquarium. Aquariums do not provide the type of space a rat requires to be happy and healthy. They do not provide enough air flow which causes rats to develop respiratory problems.

Rats require a high quality lab block as their base diet. We recommend Oxbow, Harlan Teklad (Native Earth), or Mazuri brand.

Blocks should be supplemented with treats such as fresh fruits & veggies, hard-boiled eggs, and even high quality dog biscuits.

Rats are very intelligent and need an interactive environment to keep them busy.

We recommend an array of toys including hanging wood blocks (check out those sold for parrots!), a 12" running wheel, and anything else they can safely chew up and destroy.

Rats love sleeping in fleece hammocks and space pods (available on Amazon).



Rats love sleeping in fleece hammocks!

Rats have very sensitive respiratory systems and should be kept away from smoke, candles, air fresheners, and other irritants. You should not use any spray aerosols around rats.

If you find your rat is sneezing, has scratchy sounding lungs, and/or has a red discharge (porphyrin) building up around their nose and/or eyes then a vet visit for treatment is necessary.

Flower City Critters offers a list of exotics vets in the Western/Upstate/CNY areas.