

CARING FOR HOPPING MICE

- **Water**
 - Please make sure that the water bottle has plenty of water and that it is secure. Please tap the dripper daily to make sure it is working and that water comes out ok.
- **Food**
 - We don't provide a bowl, as they will tip it over and spread the food around their enclosure anyway. The mouse pellets provided is all a hopping mouse needs to survive. The budgie seed is like their cheeseburgers, as it's so delicious - be careful not to overfeed them.
 - Fresh fruit and veg can be offered every other day.
- **Cleaning**
 - Hopping mice don't smell like lab mice do, so you don't have to change any of their bedding. Make sure any uneaten fruit and veg is removed the next day. Old browse and hay can be replaced with fresh leaves, just make sure not to over fill the enclosure.
- **Handling**
 - These animals are NOT to be handled
- Ensure students don't open the enclosure unsupervised, and that the lid is secure.
- The mice are most active at dawn and dusk, but will eagerly investigate new additions to their surroundings at any time of the day.
- In winter, cover the enclosure with a towel to ensure mice are kept warm.
- Hopping mice must be checked every day over the weekend.
- If they are taken home over the weekend, make sure they are kept away from cats and dogs to avoid stress.