

CARING FOR 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 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 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**
 - Pet mice can make a lot of mess, we recommended cleaning them every 3-4 days.
 - A thin layer of the sawdust provided (approx. 1.5-2cm thick) will soak up the smell created by the mice just as well as a thick layer
 - Carefully pick the mice up and place into a bucket, place the lid from the enclosure over the top
 - Empty old sawdust into the bin and replace
- **Handling**
 - Carefully pick one mouse up at a time for the students to look at.
 - Mice will stress if held too tightly, a loose grip will ensure they are happy
 - Students can carefully pat the back of the mice using a single finger
- Ensure students don't open the enclosure unsupervised, and that the lid is secure.
- In winter, cover the enclosure with a towel to ensure mice are kept warm.
- 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.