

## Healthy Rat Housing

**A cage maintenance schedule ensures a clean environment for pet rats.**

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Tip 1: Clean your rat's cage every day to reduce odor and keep your small pet healthy.

Tip 2: Remove soiled bedding daily and replace it with fresh bedding.

Tip 3: Wash food bowls and water bottles washed every day. Remove uneaten food each day.

Tip 4: Wash everything in your rat's cage thoroughly once a week. This includes toys, the cage bottom and the bars. Use biodegradable dish soap and warm water to wash the cage and toys, as well as food bowls and water bottles. Rinse completely and let items dry in the sun.