



## Australian Rat Fanciers Society Inc.

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### **BOARDING CHECKLIST**

**Please refer to this list and ensure you attend to all these matters and bring all the items listed.**

#### **CAGE**

- Bringing my own escape proof cage. I have confirmed the cage type/size with the carer. OR
- I have a confirmed arrangement that the AusRFS will supply a cage.
- Cage cleaned.

The owner must fully set up the cage before leaving the carers home.

#### **FOOD**

Owners **MUST** bring enough food for the **FULL** length of stay. If in doubt bring more than you think is required.

- Pellets/Dry Mix** – Whatever the rats are used to eating. Enough for the **FULL** length of stay.
- Non-perishable food** – eg cereals, babyfood, long life soymilk, food in jars or cans.
- Fresh food** – bring if you wish, otherwise the carer will supply some fruit and vegetables etc.
- Written feeding instructions** - what and when your rats are usually fed.  
Please list any special dietary requirements. You may wish to list your rats favourite / least favourite foods for the information of the carer.

#### **SUPPLIES**

Owners **MUST** bring all supplies needed for the **FULL** length of stay. If in doubt bring more than you think is required. Don't assume the carer will have spare items that they can use, even things like newspaper.

- Bedding** – Whatever you usually supply for rats to sleep on eg. Fleece, shredded paper etc
- Substrate** – newspaper or whatever you usually use on the bottom of the cage.
- Litter** – whatever you usually supply for the rats to toilet on.
- Food dishes** – min of 4 is recommended. 1 for dry food, one for wet food & 2 spares
- Water bottles**
- Hide houses**
- Hammocks** – enough to allow for changes for the **FULL** length of the boarding.
- Litter trays** – if you usually supply one.
- Toys / play things** – whatever your rats are used to playing with.

#### **MEDICATIONS**

- All medications that rats are currently taking (or might require during the stay).  
Containers must be clearly labelled with the contents and strength.
- Full written instructions, including which rat the medications are for, how often to medicate, dosage and how to administer the medications.
- Any special needs equipment eg nebulizer machine with full operation instructions.
- Parasite treatment if required – see below.

#### **PARASITE TREATMENT**

- All rats were treated for parasites. Treatment used \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- The rats are due for parasite treatment on \_\_\_\_\_  
Please bring the parasite treatment.
- The rats shown signs of parasites. Please give details over this page.

#### **CASH TO PAY FOR BOARDING**

#### **BOARDING AGREEMENT**

*Please bring any other items you think might help your rats better enjoy their holiday or supply any other information that you think would be helpful to the carer.*