*Rodents*

 Name:

<http://www.northstarrescue.org/pet-care-information/pet-rat-care/138-a-guide-to-pet-rat-cages>

Describe the best type of cage…

When I first buy a cage, I should keep in mind….

What will make cleaning the cage easier?

What should you keep in mind if there are small children in the house?

Look down at the cages…what are some pros and cons of different types of cages?

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| Pros: | Cons: |
|  |  |

<http://ratguide.com/care/environment/cage_bedding_litter.php>

Fill in the chart about different types of bedding for your rodent’s cage.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Bedding Type: | Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Cedar or Pine |  |  |
| Clay Cat Litter |  |  |
| Corn Cob Bedding |  |  |
| Shredded Paper |  |  |
| Aspen |  |  |
| CareFRESH |  |  |

<http://www.northstarrescue.org/pet-care-information/general-care-articles/75-tips-on-taming-socialization>

How can I tame a rodent? Write down some of the general tips you found helpful.

<http://animals.mom.me/rodents-ecosystem-7390.html>

How do rodents help the ecosystem? Describe the four ways.

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

So…as much as we consider rodents “pests”, why do humans need rodents?

<http://small-pets.lovetoknow.com/pet-rodents/list-rodents-that-make-good-pets>

Fill in the chart below about each type of common rodent pet.

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| Pet Rodent Type | Personality | Advantages/Disadvantages or Special Considerations |
| Gerbils |  |  |
| Guinea Pigs |  |  |
| Hamsters |  |  |
| Mice |  |  |
| Rats |  |  |
| Chinchillas |  |  |

<http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Rodentia.html>

Well over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of all mammal species are rodents!

<http://www.nsrl.ttu.edu/tmot1/ordroden.htm>

In the second paragraph, name some habitats (not habits) of different rodents. *Hint: What does “aquatic” mean?*

What do most rodents eat (also in second paragraph)?

In the sciuridae family, choose 2 species to describe…(click on them)

 a) what they look like. b) what they eat. c) something interesting.

 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In the geomyidae family, choose 2 species to describe in the same ways.

 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In the family heteromyidae, choose 2 species to describe in the same ways.

 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the one animal (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) in the family castoridae in the same ways.

 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe 2 animals in the family muridae in the same ways.

 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/rodentia/>

Describe some different adaptations of rodents. (Find paragraph labeled “Adaptations.”