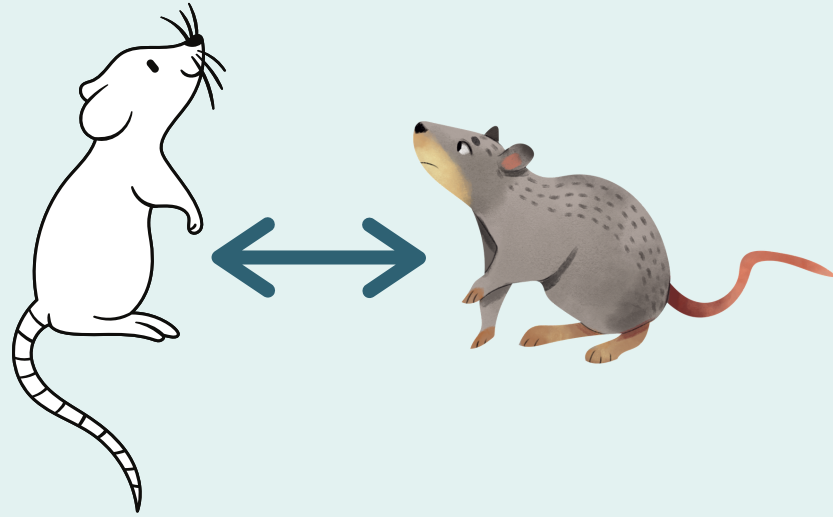


How to Introduce New Rats Into Your Mischief

Introductions can be a stressful and exciting time. We hope this guide can help you get through the process and meld into one big, happy mischief!

Quarantine

Keep your new rats separated from your others for up to two weeks to ensure no one is sick with anything contagious.



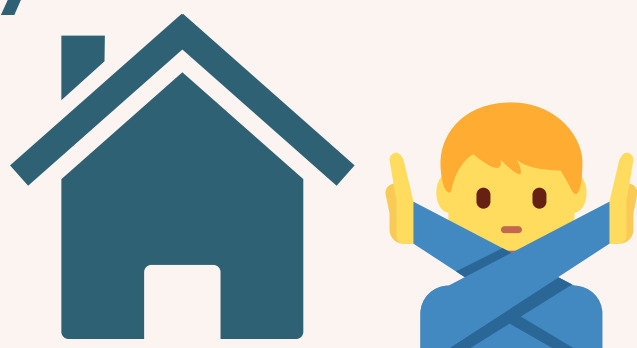
The More You Smell

Quarantine also helps everybody get accustomed to the new rats' smell and reduce territorial displays.



Neutral Territory

When it is time for you to introduce the new rats, be sure to do it in a neutral space, and not the age of either group.



Try the Bath Tub

Put a towel or blanket in the tub and gently place each rat in. Let them sniff each other. They will need to sort out the hierarchy. Mounting, power grooming, chasing, nipping, screaming, flipping onto their back. These are NORMAL.



No Blood, No Foul

As long as your rats are not fighting seriously enough that they draw blood, let them duke it out. If it becomes a fight that needs to be separated, remove the antagonist and try again another day.



Don't Give Up

Sometimes introductions can take several weeks. Take time, be patient. Do not rush intros.



Moving In

When you move everyone in together, stay and watch to make sure nobody becomes territorial and aggressive. They will likely explore the cage and each other, and have a few squabbles. This is okay. Remember - no blood, no foul.

If you would like to watch introductions before trying yourself, there are many helpful videos on YouTube.

