



# RODENTS



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# FEEDING MICE

Mice require constant access to clean drinking water as they can perish if they are deprived of water for even short periods of time. The easiest and most secure way of providing water is by way of a drinking bottle. Drinking bottles with a ball bearing are most appropriate as they are less prone to leaking. Make sure the bottle is of a suitable size, positioned approximately 2 to 3 cm above floor level. Refill the bottle daily with clean water and check for clogs. Mice drink around 15 ml of water per 100 g of their bodyweight per day. For safety, it is recommended that two water bottles be left in a cage to ensure that water is always available (should one for example clog).

Mice require a good quality and balanced diet to prevent nutrition related problems. It is essential that mice are provided with magnesium, vitamin A, and choline in their diet. It is also essential that folic acid is present in the diet of growing and reproducing mice.



Making use of a wire cage, elevated from the ground, will help to prevent spilling and keep the cage clean. The wire gaps should be big enough for the mouse to nibble feed cubes but small enough to prevent them from falling through the gaps.

Weight gain leading to obesity is not a problem in mice, even if they do seem to eat a lot in relation to their weight and size. Mice consume around 15 g of food per 100 g of bodyweight per day.

From about 10 days, the babies start moving around more, nibbling solid food and opening their eyes. They do not need purees or soft food as they have teeth and can eat hard foods as soon as they start on solids. At 4 weeks, they should be fully weaned from the mother's milk.

	MICE WEIGHT	FEED / DAY	WATER / DAY
SMALL	35 g	5 g	5 ml
LARGE	50 g	8 g	8 ml

## COMPOSITION

PRODUCT	UOM		MICE CUBES
Act 36 of 1947. Reg. No.V1787			
Protein	g/kg	min	180
Moisture	g/kg	min	120
Fat	g/kg	min	25
Fibre	g/kg	max	60
Calcium	g/kg	max	18
Phosphorus	g/kg	min	7
			<b>RECOMMENDED FEED INTAKE</b>
			Feed ad lib.





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