Caring for your **Mouse**

**Life Span**

1-3 years

**Diet**

The bulk of the diet should consist of a rodent block or a pellet that contains a minimum crude protein content of 16% and 4-5% fat. Seed-based diets promote obesity and should be avoided.

**Housing**

- Mice are nocturnal and crepuscular (primarily active during dawn and dusk)
- Females or mixed pairs do well together, but male mice tend to fight
- Provide the largest cage possible that is made of stainless steel, durable plastic, or wire
- Provide ample nesting material and deep bedding such as aspen shavings or recycled paper product
- Provide enrichment in the form of tunnels, exercise wheels, nest boxes, and items to chew on such as old paper towel rolls or toilet paper tubes

**Restraint**

Although mice rarely bite, they may do so when handled. Mice are also quick to jump. Manually restrain mice by scruffing the neck.

**Healthcare**

Your mouse may need veterinary attention if you notice any of the following: sneezing, coughing, difficulty breathing, weight loss or lethargy.