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**Fancy Show Cage
for Mice Easily Built**

Anyone handy with tools can easily make a very attractive show-type cage for fancy mice. The body of the cage is a plain open-top box, seven and one-half inches long, six inches wide and four inches deep. The wood is one-fourth inch thick.

Before nailing the body of the box together a hole one and one-half inches in diameter must be drilled in the piece which forms the back. This should be in the middle of the length with the center one and one-fourth inches down the top edge.

Cover this hole on the inside with perforated zinc. This hole is intended for extra ventilation and to throw extra light on the occupant.

The lid of the cage is made up from two pieces of wood seven and one-fourth inches long, one and one-fourth inches wide and one-fourth inch thick, and two pieces of wood five and three-eighths inches long, one and one-fourth inch wide and one-fourth inch thick.

These pieces of wood are nailed together to form a frame. The middle of this frame is covered by wires.

Instructions for nailing together the frame follow: Place the two long strips on a table or bench parallel with each other and so that the total width is equal to the total width of the box.

Next place the short strips across the long ones, one at each end, but allowing the ends of the long pieces to project five-sixteenths of an inch. This will make the size between the outside edges of the short strips equal to an easy fit inside the length of the box.

When this frame is nailed together turn it right side over when it will be found that the frame will fit in and rest on the top of the box. The short ends will be level with the top edge of the box and the long strips will rest on top of the box.

Now remove the lid and again place on the table or bench with the long pieces face downwards; i. e., with the inside of the lid uppermost.

You will now need 12 pieces wire four and three-fourths inches long. This will have to be one-sixteenth of an inch thick, or rather thicker. Take a pair of pliers and bend each end of each wire over at right angles. With an awl make holes just over one-half inch deep in the frame to accommodate the turned ends of the wires.

The wires are held in position by nailing a strip of perforated zinc over them. Also nail pieces of perforated zinc to the exposed edge of each short piece of the framing.

Two hinges to the lid at the back and a hook and eye fastener at the front completes the cage, which may be painted any color.

**GETTING SOMETHING
FROM A COP**



—Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo.

Oscar, raccoon mascot of a Military Police company at the Marine Corps training base, Parris Island, South Carolina, poaches some of Corp. S. D. Betton's ice cream cone at the training base PX.

**Zoo Contributes in
Antivenin Program**

The Philadelphia Zoo has begun mass extraction of snake venom as a contribution to the war effort.

Venom, urgently needed for production of antivenin (anti snake-bite serum, no longer is procurable in quantities from regular sources. To assure continued manufacture of the lifesaving serum, the Zoo has volunteered its services.

Poisonous snakes are caged in the reptile house and at periodic intervals relieved of their venom by a process which is both spectacular and dangerous. Each snake must be caught by hand, its mouth opened, and its fangs hooked over a special glass container. Poison glands are then squeezed with the fingers and the venom is forced through the hollow fangs into the container.

ALBINO WOODCHUCK

I have read in All-Pets about white sparrows and different odd animals but never read about any one having a white woodchuck.

I have had red, white, and blue canaries, green rabbits but in all my 50 years with pets I never before heard of a white chuck until I purchased one from a boy a short time ago, a regular albino with pink eyes, nose and feet. It is just one year old and tame.

Has any one else ever seen one.—
F. H. Palmer

GREETINGS FROM PETS

AUSTRALIA — American Red Cross recreation worker Ellin Brooke and her pet baby duck and cocker spaniel sent a cheery greeting from a Marine rest home "down under." The duck was named Snafu ("situation normal, all fowled up") and the dog Van, by the Marines at this rest home, which is only one of the many operated jointly in all war theaters.