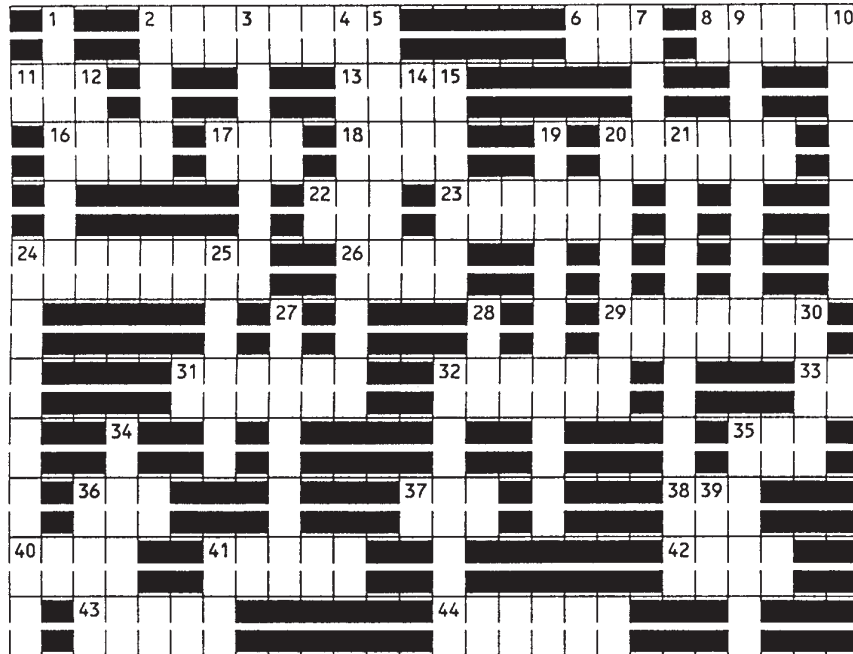


RAT AND MOUSE PUZZLE



ACROSS = 26 clues

- 2 long projecting hairs
- 6 AKA a mouser
- 8 American Fancy Rat & Mouse Assoc.
- 11 very curly coat
- 13 ... -- the best
- 16 straight
- 17 any other color
- 18 Annual show -- is in Jan.
- 20 Magic Kingdom's rodent
- 22 "... ! a mouse!" she screams.
- 23 AKA lab rat
- 24 bedding material for rodents
- 26 close
- 29 alike
- 31 stained coat and nicked ears.
- 32 say " -- "
- 33 morning hours.
- 35 offspring
- 36 short for veterinarian.
- 37 class not separated into sections
- 38 "Are you a man -- mouse?" 2 wds
- 40 rat -- file.
- 41 one who evaluates entered animals
- 42 "The Secret of --."
- 43 opp. of before
- 44 class for 5 to 8 week old animals

DOWN = 25 clues

- 1 rodents have only four in front.
- 2 in the ribbons.
- 3 exhibits
- 4 porcupines and prairie dogs
- 5 rats & mice worst enemy.
- 7 three: prefix
- 9 char. in "An American Tail"
- 10 spring month
- 12 Roman numeral 'fifteen'
- 14 abbrev. for light
- 15 1984 or 1996, -- of the Rat.
- 19 rat, mouse, or twins
- 20 small rat-like animal
- 21 Best of Var., min. of 5 competing
- 24 "S" in N.F.R.S.
- 25 rodents favorite pastime.
- 27 Three -- Mice.
- 28 abbrev. for long hair
- 30 Willard or Ben
- 32 assists the judge.
- 34 even color over entire body.
- 35 activity for amusement.
- 36 by way of.
- 39 abbrev. of smallest state.
- 41 abbrev. of junior

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