

BABY RAT DEVELOPMENT



Newborn

They are bright pink and only weigh 6-8 grams (not much more than a nickel). Their eyes and ear canals are sealed. The light spot on their left side is a tummy full of milk.

2 Days

The babies are already showing pigment and have clearly grown in size and weight.



7 Days (1 Week)

Their coats are beginning to develop and you can usually tell what color they will be. These are all Russian Blue.

14 Days (2 Weeks)

This is the day their eyes open and they begin to explore their cage.



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3 Weeks

They are at the super cute balls-of-fluff stage. The babies are eating a variety of foods but still rely on mom for milk.

4 weeks

They are starting to grow very quickly. Mom is beginning to wean them and they spend their waking hours doing lots of playing.



5 Weeks

They are continuing to grow very quickly and you will start to notice a size difference between males and females.

6 Weeks

The babies are well developed, completely weaned, and ready to go to their permanent homes to be wonderful pets. Males and females **MUST** be separated before this age.

