

# Physiological Facts



	Norway Rat	House Mouse
Average Life Span	1000 days (2–3 years)	1–2 years
Body Length in inches	9–11	3–4
Tail Length in inches	7–9	3–4
Weight in ounces	10–19	1
Temperature (°F)	99.5–100.8	96.4–100
Respiratory Rate	average 100/minute	average 163/minute
Heart Rate	average 375/minute	average 600/minute
Amount Food eaten daily	15–20 gms.	4–6 gms.
Water consumption daily	1 oz.	¼ oz.
Fecal output	10–13 gm.	1–1.5 gm.
Urinary output	11–15 mil.	1–2 mil.
Adult Males weight	450–650 gms.	30 gm. (1.1 oz)
Adult Females weight	350–450 gms.	30 gm.
Ideal Room Temperature	65–70°F	68–75°F
Ideal Room Humidity	45–65%	45–55%
Cage Cleaning	Twice weekly	Twice weekly
Keep Males Together	Yes	No
Males musky odor	No	Yes
Food and Water Requirements	always available	always available

