

BABY RAT DEVELOPMENT



10 Hours

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.

36 Hours

The babies are showing pigment, eye color, and have clearly put on weight.



5 Days

Their coats are beginning to develop and you can usually tell what color they will be. Their ears are up but the ear canals are still sealed.

11 Days

Their coats are well developed and their ear canals are beginning to open. They are becoming more mobile.



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14 Days (2 Weeks)

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

2½ Weeks

Their eyes and ear canals have been open for a few days. Their coats have become soft and fuzzy, and they are eating, walking, and beginning to play.



4 Weeks

They are eating everything in sight and growing at a phenomenal rate. Mom is beginning to wean them and they spend their waking hours playing very hard.

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 at this age.

