



Australian Rat Fanciers Society

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BOARDING AGREEMENT

The Australian Rat Fanciers Society Inc. (AusRFS) offers a boarding service to look after pet rats when their owners go away on holidays etc. The rats are placed in the homes of AusRFS members who are experienced in keeping rats. The Boarding Service is dependant AusRFS Boarding Team members being available to take the boarders into their homes. The more notice given, the better chance there is of a carer being arranged. All bookings and queries should to be directed to the AusRFS Boarding Co-ordinator Nichola Judd, via the AusRFS email address above, if urgent, phone Nichola on 0450 262 080

The full boarding fee goes to the carer, the AusRFS does not make any money from the Boarding Service. The fee is per cage (recommended maximum 5 rats per cage) and is payable in cash, at time of drop off. **AusRFS Members: \$25.00 per week (or part thereof), Non-Members: \$35.00 per week (or part thereof).**

The following are the terms and conditions under which the Boarding Service operates. On signing the Boarding Agreement, the rat's owner agrees to all of these points.

- 1. Food & Supplies:** The Owner must provide all food, supplies and accessories that the rat/s will require during their stay. Such things as water bottles, food dishes, bedding and toys. If the owner does not bring enough food etc then the owner must reimburse the carer for any expenses incurred.
- 2. Cages:** Owners can either bring their own (escape proof) cage, or the AusRFS can usually supply a cage. There is no extra charge for the use of the club's cages, but arrangements must be made at the time of booking the Boarding.
- 3. Medications:** The owner must bring any medications the rats may need during their stay. Medications, and must be clearly marked. The owner must provide full written instructions for administering the medication and in so doing, authorises the carer to administer such medicine to the rat/s in accordance with these instructions.
- 4. Parasite Treatment:** If a rat is not on a regular parasite treatment regime or been treated for parasites during the previous 2 days, the carer may at their discretion treat the rats with Revolution spot on treatment, as per instructions in The Pet Rat Care Guide. The carer will inform the owner that they will treat the rats and the owner is responsible for the cost of the treatment. Even though only about 1 drop is needed per rat, Revolution loses effectiveness once the vial is open, so can't be kept for future use. Therefore, in most cases the owner will need to reimburse the carer for one vial of Revolution. However, if the carer is opening a vial to treat other rats in their care, then they may charge the owner a reduced amount.
- 5. Veterinary Treatment:** If the carer believes that the rat/s need veterinary treatment, the rat/s will be taken to a vet who is experienced in treating rats (as per the AusRFS list of vets). The owner should leave details of their vet, in case the treating vet wishes to discuss the health history or treatment of the rat/s. In the case of serious illness, or if the amount agreed upon has been reached, the carer will make all effort to contact the owner.
- 6. Carer Availability** Once the AusRFS has agreed to board the rats or the rats are with the carer, if that carer is no longer able to care for the rats, then the AusRFS will arrange for another carer to board the rats, under the same conditions.
- 7. Extension of Boarding:** If the owner is not able to collect the rats on the agreed date, the owner must contact the carer prior to the agreed date (see note above re carer availability).
- 8. Pick up:** If the rat/s are to be picked up by a person other than the owner, then the owner must give written permission for this. If the owner does not pick up the rat/s or make contact with the carer, the carer will make every effort to contact the owner. If after one week of the specified pick up date no contact has been made and the carer has been unable to contact the owner, the rats may be placed with the Australian Rat Fanciers Society Rescue Service and put up for adoption.
- 9. Reimbursement of Expenses:** The owner must reimburse the carer for all monies owed for food supplies & vet treatment at the time of pick up.

THE AusRFS CARER**This section to be completed by the carer.**

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____

I agree that I will care for said rat/s in my home to the best of my ability, including seeking veterinary treatment if required. I agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions as set out in this document, and the AusRFS Boarding Service Code of Conduct.

The Boarding Fee of \$_____ has been received from the Owner.

Signature _____ Date _____

THE OWNER**This section to be completed by the owner**

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 Contact details when away _____
 Email Address _____

DETAILS OF BOARDING REQUIRED

DATES	From	To
(Estimated times of drop off and pick up to be arranged with the carer when contact is made.)		

RATS TO BE BOARDED

Number of rats to be boarded					
Rats Name	Sex	Desexed?	Age	Any health issues & medication	Anything else that the carer should be aware of.

Can you bring a cage or do you need a cage supplied?	
If supplying a cage, please describe and give dimensions of the cage	

VET'S CONTACT DETAILS

Vet's name	
Vet Clinic Name	
Address	
Phone number	

I Agree that, in the event of any illness or accident, the carer has authority to seek veterinary care the amount of \$_____ per rat, and I will reimburse the carer for all expenses incurred up to that amount. This also covers euthanasia if recommended by the treating vet.

I understand that the carer will care for the rats to the best of their ability, but release the carer and the AusRFS of all responsibility in the case of sickness, injury or death of the rat/s while in their care.

I agree to the Boarding Terms and Conditions as set out in this document.

The Boarding Fee of \$_____ has been paid to the carer.

Signature _____ Date _____

A copy of this agreement is to be retained by the Owner, Carer, and AusRFS Boarding Co-ordinator