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BOARDING CHECKLIST

Please refer to this list and ensure you attend to all these matters and bring all the items listed.

CAGE

- ☐ Bringing my own escape proof cage. I have confirmed the cage type/size with the carer. OR
- ☐ I have a confirmed arrangement that the AusRFS will supply a cage.
- ☐ Cage cleaned.

The owner must fully set up the cage before leaving the carers home.

FOOD

Owners MUST bring enough food for the FULL length of stay. If in doubt bring more than you think is required.

- ☐ **Pellets/Dry Mix** – Whatever the rats are used to eating. Enough for the FULL length of stay.
- ☐ **Non-perishable food** – eg cereals, babyfood, long life soymilk, food in jars or cans.
- ☐ **Fresh food** – bring if you wish, otherwise the carer will supply some fruit and vegetables etc.
- ☐ **Written feeding instructions** - what and when your rats are usually fed.
Please list any special dietary requirements. You may wish to list your rats favourite / least favourite foods for the information of the carer.

SUPPLIES

Owners MUST bring all supplies needed for the FULL length of stay. If in doubt bring more than you think is required. Don't assume the carer will have spare items that they can use, even things like newspaper.

- ☐ **Bedding** – Whatever you usually supply for rats to sleep on eg. Fleece, shredded paper etc
- ☐ **Substrate** – newspaper or whatever you usually use on the bottom of the cage.
- ☐ **Litter** – whatever you usually supply for the rats to toilet on.
- ☐ **Food dishes** – min of 4 is recommended. 1 for dry food, one for wet food & 2 spares
- ☐ **Water bottles**
- ☐ **Hide houses**
- ☐ **Hammocks** – enough to allow for changes for the FULL length of the boarding.
- ☐ **Litter trays** – if you usually supply one.
- ☐ **Toys / play things** – whatever your rats are used to playing with.

MEDICATIONS

- ☐ All medications that rats are currently taking (or might require during the stay).
Containers must be clearly labelled with the contents and strength.
- ☐ Full written instructions, including which rat the medications are for, how often to medicate, dosage and how to administer the medications.
- ☐ Any special needs equipment eg nebuliser machine with full operation instructions.
- ☐ Parasite treatment if required – see below.

PARASITE TREATMENT

- ☐ All rats were treated for parasites. Treatment used _____ Date: _____
- ☐ The rats are due for parasite treatment on _____ Please bring the parasite treatment.
- ☐ The rats have shown signs of parasites. Please give details over this page.

☐ **CASH TO PAY FOR BOARDING**

☐ **BOARDING AGREEMENT**

Please bring any other items you think might help your rats better enjoy their holiday or supply any other information that you think would be helpful to the carer.