

What Exactly is a Fancy Rat

By Comfort for Critters

The Fancy Rat is the most common type of pet rat in the US. It's actually a domesticated brown rat, but gets the name "Fancy" (as in "to fancy") since it is so likeable. Still with me?

These critters are physiologically and psychologically quite different from their wild relatives, and have been specifically bred as pets for at least the last century. So they pose no more of a health risk than any other common pet, and have lost any aggressiveness which can be seen in wild rats.

Fancy Rats are the smartest of all small pets and can learn their names, as well as simple tricks. They have tons of energy and are quite fun to watch play. They are clean, intelligent, affectionate animals which bond to their pet-parents, the same way all our wonderful pets do.

They are considered "high-maintenance" since, due to their high intelligence, they need a minimum of one hour a day outside of their enclosures to run around and play. If you're looking for a pet that's a bit out of the ordinary, you might want to consider making your home a tad more "fancy"...with a rat!

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