



10 Fascinating Facts to Help You Love Mice!

Everyone has their own reaction to seeing a mouse. Much of it depends on whether it's scurrying across your kitchen counter or tucked in a pet enclosure with lots of friends. The unabashed relaxation in a pile of sleeping mice is something to behold. Even an individual mouse can really be a cutie when you learn a bit about them. Here are ten amazing facts to help you love our furry little friends:

- #1** – Mice are very social. They're the happiest when they're with at least one other mouse. A group of mice are called, you guessed it, a "mischief." Male mice are "Bucks" and females are called "Does."
- #2** – Mice are very clean and organized. In their enclosures they tend to put their food in one area, they use another part as their bathroom and another area to sleep.
- #3** – Mice play opossum. When they get really frightened they will "play dead" until they're out of danger.
- #4** – Mice come in all sizes. There are 30 species of mice, with some only one inch long, and others topping out at seven inches!
- #5** – Mice love to eat. A typical mouse will eat 15 to 20 times a day. They are considered nocturnal herbivores, since they mainly eat fruits and grains. However, a mouse will also eat almost anything they encounter.
- #6** – Mice have been cloned. A mouse was first cloned 10 years ago with the "clones" living 2 ½ years (a decent life span for a mouse).
- #7** – Mice are talkative. Mice communicate with each other via ultrasonic mouse sounds. They also have unique facial expressions and can communicate their mood to other mice with just a "look".
- #8** – Mice are half-tail. A mouse's tail is usually the same length as their body!
- #9** – Mice have super-whiskers. A mouse uses its whiskers to sense a change in the temperature around them. The whiskers also give them information on the surfaces they are passing over.
- #10** - Mice are hopeless romantics. Male mice serenade their chosen mate with their own "song", as part of their courtship. They are among the only mammals which are known to sing (whales, bats and sometimes humans, round out the list).

Imagine having a friend that is friendly, clean and loves to chat over a nice meal. They can tell you when the temperature is changing and will sing even you a song. They won't confront a burglar, maybe because of their small size (enhanced by a large tail). They are popular indeed, and have even been cloned! What's not to love? If the hopeless romantic in them doesn't win you over, then you're just not trying!