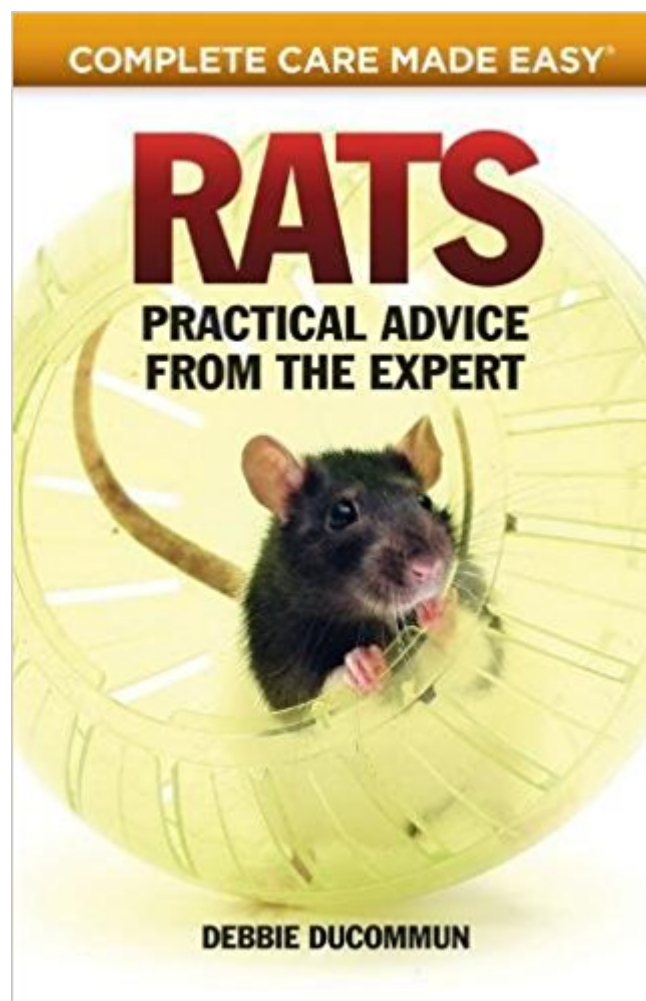




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# Rats: Practical, Accurate Advice From The Expert (Complete Care Made Easy)



## Synopsis

An excellent introduction to the remarkable rat, written by the world-famous Rat Lady, Debbie Ducumum, *Rats* offers expert advice to all keepers of these popular fancy pets. Held in high regard in Ancient Egypt, major Asian societies, and discriminating homes in America, rats are the most intelligent rodent on the planet and enjoy playing games with their keepers. As with all editions in the Complete Care Made Easy series, *Rats* offers readers information about selecting the right pets from good sources and acquiring all of the home essentials (for rats: cage, toys, bedding, and furnishings). The book discusses food options and the importance of feeding a rat a healthy, low-cal, low-fat diet based on fruits, veggies, and legumes plus recipes and menu tips. The author also covers the important considerations of rat proofing the home for keepers who opt to give their pets free run of their dwellings. The chapter "Beginning Your Friendship" discusses rat socialization, handling, grooming, cleaning, and interactions with children and other pets. The health of a pet rat is covered in the "Health Care" chapter that includes choosing a veterinarian, the first vet visit, spaying/neutering, the weekly health exam, plus handling common rat maladies and dealing parasites and emergencies. The real fun begins in chapter seven, "Fun Activities," in which the reader can learn how to train his or her rat to walk on a leash, enrich his rat's life with entertaining games, and learn party tricks to impress visitors to the rat's home. True rat lovers will enjoy taking their rats to shows; just like dog shows; to show off their rat's conformation and natural beauty. The chapter "Show Time" offers advice on preparing for shows, classes at shows, and competing for ribbons. The final chapter on breeding offers rat enthusiasts advice about reproduction, the birthing process, and handling pups. Glossary, appendices, and index included.

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Good book for brands of cages, foods, different types of bedding, and more. It even has tips and a "breeding guide" at the end. I really enjoyed the book and found it very helpful for a pet rat. Although, I wish the book offered more about training the rats. I'm interested in that for sure! Awesome guide for if the rat(s) is/are your first pet. Apparently the author wrote another book about rats and maybe it has more info about (my interest) training. This book is joyful and worth reading! :-)

Please note: This review is written by a 10 year old

We adopted 2 male rats about 3 months ago. We wanted to learn the best ways to take care of our boys but found a lot of conflicting suggestions on the internet. I had heard of Debbie Ducommun on several forums so when I saw that she had books available I was so relieved and purchased this one right away. We have learned so much from this book already! I am so thankful that I found this here on !

Yes, Debbie Ducommun is THE expert in rat care. I give this book out to new rat owners as it is the most complete and accurate guide to the care, feeding, medicating, and training of rats. It is written for the layman in simple english. It is a guide that tells you when your rat is sick and how to avoid expensive medical treatments by preventive measures. This is the Bible on rat care as far as I am concerned. I have a rat rescue and this book has been inspirational and saved me hundreds of dollars in vet bills and has lengthened the life of many of my rats.

First -- Rats are the best pets. Second - This book is fabulous. The author is well known in the rat community and she makes herself available to all in social networks. My 5 and 6 year old even love it (they were rattling off some things about breeding the other day that they read in the book). Great information....definitely one that I would recommend to all owners of these WONDERFUL creatures.

This book was super helpful for a new rat owners like my family

Best pet rat book ever. Debbie (author) is beyond knowledgeable and is a very good, interesting, easy read. This has all the basics for new rat parents. Highly recommend to anyone looking to add a pet rat to their family.

Although this book was extremely interesting and informative, I found the exact same things researching free content around the rat forum sites and YouTube. If you're short on cash, try Google instead.

This book is a great place to begin if you think you would like pet rats. It should be read before buying cages or other necessities and of course the pets themselves. Unfortunately most of us Get them first then find out that we need the education. The book is quite helpful in getting the newbie up to speed.

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