## **Quick Rat Guide Checklist!**

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Allergies? Try Hairless rats or Rex rats! Many choices for bedding.
☐ <b>Buy pet rats in same-sex pairs!</b> When you can't be with him, your social rat is happiest with a rat buddy. Sticking with all girls or all boys is easier. Breeding is harder to manage than it might seem.
Females.  Spry, adventurous, inquisitive. Eager to learn tricks. Smaller than males. Less odor. Prone to tumors.
Usually calm couch potatoes. Can learn tricks too. Mark their territory, more odor. Less prone to tumors.
Choose healthy.  Alert, confident, curious, dry nose, bright eyes.  Avoid sneezes, hunched over appearance, scruffy coat, lumps.
Choose good temperament. Friendly & curious. Avoid shy & nervous or spend extra time to overcome.
☐ Then look at breed, color and age.  Health and temperament are more important than physical features.  5 weeks old is a great age.
Pet Stores  May have family-bred well-socialized pet rats. Might not.  May have correct information. Might not.  Local and convenient.
Pet Rat Breeders  Knowledgeable, responsible.  Breed for good health, friendliness & show.
☐ Rat Rescue Facilities  Good cause, timid animals, require extra care.
☐ Most of all

Enjoy discovering the fun of owning pet rats!