

Small Mammal Case History Sheets

(essential) questions



Guinea Pig

Age Sex Male/Female (always confirm by checking)

Species Colour Weight Kg

Other in-contacts Yes/No If Yes, Sex Male/Female

Cage size, material and location.....

Frequency of cleaning Disinfectant used.....

Diet (Full details)

..... Last meal

Supplements (type & frequency) Source of water

Faecal pellets (describe and examine, gross & microscopic)

Evident at perineal region Yes/No When were faeces last passed?

Evident in box/container Yes/No Passed on examination Yes/No

Urination..... Yes/No Passed on examination Yes/No

Previous history of illness or treatments.....

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Owner's current concern

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Hamster



Gerbil



Rat



Mouse



Ferret

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Guinea Pig

Mouth:-

Any problems eating?

Any wetness or staining around the mouth (may indicate malocclusion)?

Any discomfort?

For **Hamsters**, are pouchesFull/Empty/Impacted?

For **Guinea Pigs**, are there any crusting lesions of the lips?



Hamster

Incisors:-

Are these normal, overlong or missing?

Is there normal occlusion?

Are they loose?

Any signs of abnormal growth?

Any abnormal wearing?

If any problems, radiographs were normalYes/No



Gerbil

Mandible:-

Are there any lumps on its ventral surface?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Radiographs were normalYes/No

Needle biopsyYes/No



Rat

Molars:- (will need Sedation/Anaesthesia to examine properly):-

Any history of previous problems or dental treatment?

Any discomfort on palpation through cheek?

Any spurs?

Any displaced teeth?

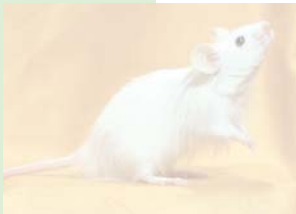
Any loose or missing teeth?

Any abnormal wearing of crowns?

If abnormalities,

Radiographs were normalYes/No

Blood sample (for Ca & P) takenYes/No



Mouse

Nose:-

Any discharge or staining?

If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) takenYes/No

For gerbils, any fur loss/rub lesions?



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Guinea Pig

Eyes (gross and ophthalmoscopic examination required):-

Any discharge or staining of medial canthus/cheek?

If yes,

In **Rodents**, are there "red tears"?

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken Yes/No

Any fur loss around orbit?

Any sign of discomfort or blepharospasm?

If yes,

Flourescein was Positive/Negative

Local anaesthetic used to examine Yes/No

Foreign Body present Yes/No

Any corneal lesion?

If yes, flourescein was Positive/Negative

Any conjunctivitis or scleral congestion?

If yes,

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken Yes/No

Any opacity of the lens?

Any retinal lesions?



Hamster



Gerbil

Ears:-

Any swelling?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Any fur loss?



Rat

Chest (auscultation is required):-

Is breathing normal?

Any crackles/râles?

Any murmurs?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken..... Yes/No



Mouse

Abdomen (auscultation is required):-

Any evidence of bloating?

If **Guinea Pig**, Any evidence of pregnancy?

Is abdomen empty?

Any solid mass?

Are there normal gut sounds?

Any abnormal borborygmi?

Are the intestines silent?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken..... Yes/No



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Guinea Pig

Fur/Skin:-

Any pruritus?

Any fur loss?

In **Chinchillas**, any fur slip?

Any skin lesions?

Any evidence of self-inflicted trauma?

Any swelling?

If yes (other than oedema),

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Any crusting lesions?

Any papules?

Is there excessive scurf?

Any evidence of obvious parasitic infestation?

If any abnormalities,

Skin scrapes/brushings Yes/No

Skin biopsies Yes/No

Samples (for Culture) taken Yes/No



Hamster



Gerbil

Perineal area:-

Any faecal contamination?

Any urine staining?

Any vaginal discharge?

In **Guinea Pig boars**, any smegma build-up? Yes/No



Rat

Feet & Limbs:-

Any lameness/limping?

Any abnormal angles?

Any staining of fur on front legs?

Any evidence of swelling, especially of joints?

If yes,

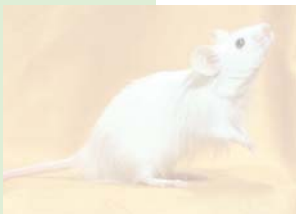
Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Are the claws overgrown?

Any pododermatitis?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken..... Yes/No



Mouse



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