## TRAINING TIPS FOR

MICE & RATS

You can teach mice & rats tricks, rats are easier to train than mice. Always look to your pets' natural behaviour when training them. These behaviours are the easiest way to progress onto tricks such as navigating an obstacle course, or climbing something in their house.

These little guys respond well to food as a reward so always have a treat ready when they have completed their task.



## Training a rat to spin!

- 1. Show them their treat of choice. Have them follow this in your fingertips around in a circle & use a command such as 'spin'.
- 2. Speed up the circle as the rat learns the trick. Continue to use the command.
- 3. Practice this trick at least once a day!
- 4. Once the rat has mastered it they will do this on command- always end the trick with their treat!

Start easy & advance to harder tricks as both you & your pet gain confidence. Keep training sessions short – about 5 minutes of practice at least once a day.