

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS AND BREEDING DATA

	CAT	DOG	GERBILS	GUINEA PIG	HAMSTER	MOUSE	PRIMATE (RHESUS)	RABBIT	RAT	SHEEP	SWINE (STD)
Body Temperature	38.6°C 101.5°F	39°C 102°F	35.7-39.3°C	38°C 101°F	37°C 99.3°F	37°C 99°F	38.4°C 101.6°F	38.3°C 101°F	37°C 99°F	38.3- 39.9°C	38.3-39.9°C
Weight: adult male	4-7 kg	6-35 kg	80-90 g	500-800 g	80-110 g	25-40 g	6-11 kg	4-6 kg	400 g	70-150 g	300-410 kg
Weight: adult female	4-7 kg	6-35 kg	70-80 g	500-800 g	80-110g	25-40 g	6-11 kg	4-6 kg	300 g	50-120 kg	250-350 kg
Weight: newborn	125 g	300-500 g	3 g	80 g	2 g	1 g	550 g	40 g	5 g	4-5.5 kg	0.9-1.4 kg
Water consumption	100-200 ml	200-600 ml	4 ml	70 ml	12 ml	5 ml	400-900 ml	150 ml	40 ml	600-1800 ml	4% body wt
Food consumption	100-200 g	0.25-1.2 kg	7-12 g	70 g	10 g	5 g	400-600 g	130 g	15-20 g	2-2.5 kg	2% body wt
Sexual maturity	10-15 months	10-14 months	10-12 weeks	12 weeks	7 weeks	7 weeks	4-5 years	6-9 months	13 weeks	5-7 months	7-9 months
Estrous cycle frequency	15-21 days	6-7 months	4-6 days	16-18 days	4 days	4-5 days	28 days	Induced	5 days	16-17 (fall & winter)	18-24 days
Duration of estrus	3-6 days	7-9 days	24 hours	6-11 hours	20 hours	10 hours	2-3 days	Continuous	13-15 hours	24-48 hours	2-3 days
Time of ovulation	25-27 hrs after post-coitum	1-3 days after estrus onset		10 hrs after estrus onset	8-12 hrs after estrus onset/	2-3 hrs after estrus onset	11-14 days after estrus onset	10-22 hrs after post-coitum	8-10 hrs after estrus onset		
Gestation period	63 days	58-67 days	24-25 days	60-65 days	15-18 days	19-21 days	150-175 days	29-35 days	20-22 days	148 days	115 days
Average litter size	3-8	4-8	4-5	2-4	5-10	6-12	1	4-10	7-11	2	9-10
Begins eating dry food	4-6 weeks	3-4 weeks	16-20 days	4-6 days	8 days	12-14 days	3-5 weeks	21 days	10-12 days	3 weeks	2-3 weeks
Age at weaning	6-7 weeks	6-8 weeks	3 weeks	18-24 days	21 days	21 days	12-27 months	4 weeks	21 days	8-12 weeks	6-8 weeks
Breeding life	5-8 years	6-14 years	3 years	2-4 years	1 year	8 months	15+ years	3 years	1-5 years	3-5 years	4-5 years
Life span	12-16 years	12-14 years	2-4 years	6 years	2 years	2.5 years	20-30 years	6 years	3 years	8-13 years	8 years