

# How to Care for a Mouskin<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>An introduction with questions to engage the reader.

<sup>2</sup>list of equipment

<sup>3</sup>Heading, sub-headings, bullet points and numbered steps used to organise the text.

<sup>4</sup>Chronologically ordered steps.

<sup>5</sup>Imperative verbs used throughout.

<sup>6</sup>Tips and extra advice for the reader.

<sup>7</sup>A conclusion that sums up what the outcome will be if the reader follows the instructions.

<sup>8</sup>Conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs are used throughout to show time, place and cause.

Over the last few years<sup>8</sup>, mouskins have become the must-have pet. These long-whiskered fluffy creatures look like a cross between a mouse and a cat and are gentle, highly intelligent animals. Are you thinking of getting a mouskin? Do you think you could care for one effectively? These instructions will tell you all you need to know to look after your new pet:<sup>1</sup>

## What you need:<sup>3</sup>

- a carrier for travelling
- a large box or bed filled with straw for your pet to sleep in
- two bowls (one for food and one for fresh water)
- seven small containers with lids
- 700g of nuts
- 700g of tinned and drained tuna
- a collar and a lead
- a range of small toys
- lots of love and patience<sup>2</sup>

## Bringing your Mouskin Home<sup>3</sup>

Mouskins are sociable and adaptable animals, who should soon adjust to their new life with you. When you first bring them home<sup>8</sup>, help your mouskin to feel more comfortable by following these simple steps:

1. Gently<sup>8</sup> pick up<sup>5</sup> your mouskin using one hand to support<sup>5</sup> their hind legs and the other to hold<sup>5</sup> him close to your chest. Place him carefully<sup>8</sup> in the carrier to transport him home.
2. Once home<sup>8</sup>, choose<sup>5</sup> a quiet spot for your mouskin's bed. Quietly<sup>8</sup> open<sup>5</sup> the door to the carrier and allow<sup>5</sup> your mouskin to climb out in his own time as<sup>8</sup> he familiarises himself with his new surroundings.
3. Over the next few days<sup>8</sup>, give<sup>5</sup> your mouskin plenty of time and space to explore his new home as and when he feels ready.
4. Introduce<sup>5</sup> your mouskin to one family member

at a time so that you don't overwhelm him.<sup>4</sup>

### **Feeding your Mouskin<sup>3</sup>**

Mouskins need to be fed a 50/50 mix of nuts and tuna. Follow these steps to ensure your mouskin will be properly nourished and healthy:

1. To<sup>8</sup> create<sup>5</sup> seven portions of mouskin food<sup>8</sup>, mix together 700g of nuts (any variety will do) and 700g of drained tuna. Blend<sup>5</sup> the ingredients together to form a smooth paste.
2. Split<sup>5</sup> the mixture into seven equal portions and spoon<sup>5</sup> into containers with lids<sup>8</sup>.
3. Store<sup>5</sup> the containers in the fridge until<sup>8</sup> you are ready to use them.
4. Serve<sup>5</sup> your mouskin one portion per day, which needs to be split<sup>5</sup> into two meals: breakfast and dinner.
5. At all times<sup>8</sup>, ensure<sup>5</sup> that your mouskin has a fresh supply of clean water.<sup>4</sup>

### **Exercise and Play<sup>3</sup>**

As mouskins are intelligent and playful animals, you will need to provide him with a range of toys to keep him entertained and take him for regular walks. This will stop your mouskin from getting bored and help to distract him from chewing your furniture.

Follow these top tips to keep your mouskin fit, healthy and content:

1. Provide<sup>5</sup> your mouskin with toys of different types and textures. He will like tough, rubbery toys to chew on and soft toys to cuddle up to.
2. Choose<sup>5</sup> a designated playtime each day – after breakfast<sup>8</sup> is an ideal time. Use<sup>5</sup> this dedicated time to play games with your mouskin.
3. Set aside time in your day for two brisk thirty-minute walks. Always ensure<sup>5</sup> your mouskin wears his collar and lead when outside the house.<sup>4, 6, 8</sup>

Do you think you are ready to welcome one of these wonderful pets into your home? Owning a mouskin can be a pleasurable and rewarding experience for all the family. If you follow the above instructions, you and your mouskin will be assured a long and happy life together.<sup>7</sup>