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The Rodent Revue

Soon these pets will appear,
On stage in cages far and near.

Rodents have front teeth, you know,
That will grow and grow and grow.

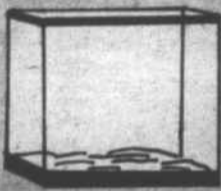
Their dental health is up to you!
They must have something good to chew!

Rodent pets are very small,
Hardly taking up any room at all.

There might be just one hitch,
Telling which one is which.

So we present this rodent revue,
So you will know just who is who!

Starring this cast of critters!



Aquariums make great cages for all these pets.



Wire cages are good for all the pets but especially for the guinea pig.



You can buy food made for your pet.

Carrots, lettuce, apples and sunflower seeds are special treats.



All of the pets except the guinea pig need an exercise wheel.



Rodents need a water bottle with fresh water.



Wood chips are great for cage bottoms.



Hoarding Hamsters

... like to store things in their cheeks but will not overeat ... have stubs for tails ... like to sleep during the day and play at night ... first discovered in the deserts of Asia in 1930 ... don't let them escape because they can damage farmers' crops.



Placid Guinea Pigs

... placid means calm ... tamed guinea pigs love to sit in laps and be petted ... tailless ... largest and longest living of all the pets on this page ... first came to this country from South America ... named for pig-like sound they make ... have long or short hair that needs grooming.



Curious Gerbils

... always exploring and busy ... great jumpers with kangaroo-like hind legs ... easy-to-care-for pets because cages need cleaning only once a month ... not allowed in some states with desert-like climates because they might escape and become pests in the wild.



Mischievous Mice

... smallest mammal ever made a pet by man (mammals have hair and their young are born live, not hatched from eggs) ... related to the house mouse ... come in 70 different colors ... white is favorite pet color ... nocturnal, meaning they sleep during the day and are up at night.



Hamster



Mouse



Gerbil



Guinea pig