

# RAT REPRODUCTION CYCLE

Young Norway and roof rats can be sexually mature and capable of mating at 3 months of age.



SEXUAL MATURITY

Female Norway and roof rats can be pregnant with a new litter and still lactate to feed their young. However, the gestation period may be slightly longer.



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After giving birth, female Norway and roof rats are capable of being in heat again in 24 to 48 hours.

Female Norway and roof rats are in heat approximately every 4 to 5 days.



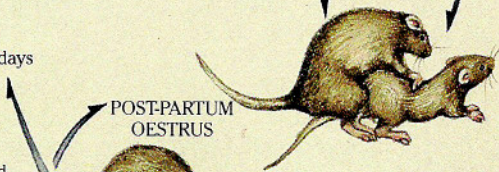
MATING  
CONCEPTION



WEANING

28 to 35 days

Female Norway and roof rats average 3 to 7 litters per year. Norway rats usually have larger litters, 6 to 12 pups. Roof rats have 5 to 8 pups.



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BIRTH

GESTATION  
21 to 23 days

\*Norway rats pictured.