



Guidelines for Advertising Rats at NFRS shows

The following guidelines, read alongside the General Guidelines for Advertising Rats available for sale at NFRS shows, are to safeguard the reputation of the fancy rat as a pet and the NFRS as a source of healthy, tractable rats.

Rats eligible for advertising

- Health and tractability of rats advertised for sale are of paramount importance.
- Pregnant rats should not be advertised for sale, except by agreement between buyer and seller. In the event of a member unwittingly advertising a pregnant rat for sale, that member should accept full responsibility for the litter or any expenses incurred, e.g. veterinary expenses.

Advertising Rats available for sale at NFRS shows.

- Members wishing to advertising rats available for sale at NFRS shows should be exhibitors or judges at the show.
- Members must advertise their stock from an area designated by the Show Secretary or Show Manager within the show venue.
- Advertisements should carry details of the date of birth and the seller's name, address and telephone number in case of enquiries or complaint.
- The use of pedigree form is not appropriate as fancy rats are not registered. 'Family Tree' is the recommended description of a form giving genealogical details.
- It is against the Sales of Goods Act 1979 to make unfounded claims about rats. For example, a rat should not be described as show winning unless the particular rat being sold has won a show.
- Members wishing to advertise rats may be required to be available to staff the advertising board according to a rota prepared by the show secretary or show manager.
- It is a criminal offence under the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973 to display exclusion clauses or disclaimers. Members selling rats under the auspices of the NFRS should be prepared to accept rats returned in the event of complaint for a period of up to fourteen days after the sale, or twenty three days in the case of pregnancy. A member of the Executive Committee can be approached to arbitrate in the event of a disagreement or



dissatisfaction. The welfare of the rats should be a primary consideration.

- Rats should not be sold to a child under sixteen years of age unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- The sale of rats at NFRS shows is not permitted as this is a breach of the Pet animals Act 1951 and could lead to prosecution.
- Exchange of pre-booked rats at NFRS shows can take place but only with prior agreement from the officiating Show Secretary on the day.
- Exchange of stock used in breeding programmes at NFRS shows can take place but only with prior agreement from the officiating Show Secretary on the day.
- The return of any stock for whatever reason to its breeder at NFRS shows can take place but only with prior agreement from the officiating Show Secretary on the day.
- Rehoming of older rats at NFRS shows can take place but only with prior agreement from the officiating Show Secretary on the day.
- The minimum price charged for each rat shall be at the current agreed rate (£7.00).