



Cat Adoption Information: Mice

Many cats enjoy chasing small moving things, so mice are a natural “toy” for some. But remember that some cats aren’t likely to chase mice, and some are even afraid of them! Sometimes the scent of a cat in your home deters mice, but some mice are brave and this doesn’t always stop them. If you have a severe mouse infestation, it’s more effective to call an exterminator.

Safety first!

Make sure to remove any poison at least one week before bringing your new cat home. If a mouse eats the poison, and your cat eats the mouse, your cat could become extremely sick or even die. Some poisons are slow-acting and can take days to kill, so we recommend waiting one week to be safe.

All traps should also be removed, especially glue and snap traps. Anywhere a mouse can fit, a cat’s paw can fit, too – even behind the fridge or under the stove. Some traps are rated safe for use with cats, but read the box carefully to avoid accidents.

Dead as a dormouse

If your cat does catch a mouse, make sure to take it away immediately! The mouse might have eaten poison at a neighbor’s house, have a disease, or be infested with parasites. Your cat can get very sick if they eat the mouse.

Mice all gone? Time to play!

If your cat gets rid of your mouse problem, remember that they are going to need another outlet for their hunting energy. See our Great Outdoors and Feline Playtime tips for what to do now!