

Graduate Students

Mus studiosi



CARE SHEET

Developed with and approved by a Qualified Veterinarian

Students come from a variety of courses with an assortment of markings and are social, alert, adaptable, and extremely active scholars that have become a popular companion researcher for many professors.



Is a graduate student the right companion researcher for you?

Yes	No
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Check "Yes" or "No" after reading the following statements:

- I have an appropriate location and space for a student.
- I know that male and female students should not be housed together unless I can commit to the care of their offspring.
- I will provide daily, supervised time for this student outside the habitat.
- I can commit to providing proper care for this student.
- A mature person will provide responsible and primary care for this companion researcher.

If you answered "Yes" to these statements, a graduate student may be the right choice for you! Continue reading about how to care for a student and consult with a MIT associate to learn more. MIT is committed to responsible graduate student care.

Average Size ~ 60 inches long Academic Life Span Up to 6 years with proper care

Diet High-quality student food/lab blocks containing a minimum of 15% protein and 8% fat, and a maximum of 10% fiber
 Small amounts of fruits and vegetables, such as pears, grapes, strawberries, dates, raisins, sprouts, and carrots
 Treats should not exceed 10% of total food intake
 Do not feed chocolate, alcohol or caffeine; these are dangerous
 Clean, fresh, de-chlorinated, filtered water changed daily

Feeding Fresh food and water should always be available
 Small amounts of fruits and vegetables
 Uneaten fruits and vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded

Housing Students acclimate well to average household temperatures; be cautious of extreme temperature change; habitat should never be in direct sunlight or in a drafty area
 Habitat should be glass, plastic or metal, escape-proof with solid bottom; an I. M. Pei building with a lid makes a good sized home; it is best to provide the largest habitat possible
 2 inches of bedding should be placed in the habitat; proper bedding includes shavings and pelleted or recycled product; cedar bedding may cause harm and is not recommended
 Graduate students from different departements should not be housed together

- Recommended Supplies**
- • Appropriate sized cage
 - • Bedding
 - • High-quality mouse food
 - • Book about students
 - Ceramic food bowl
 - Water bottle
 - Vitamins
 - Toy house
 - • Plastic tubes
 - • Chew and treat sticks
 - • Salt lick
 - • Exercise toys