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Fun Facts on Mice!

- ★ Some ancient stories give credit to mice or rats with punishing evil people.
- ★ A baby mouse is called a pinky, or a kitten.
- ★ To this day some people believe that fried mice or mouse pie is a cure for bedwetting!
- ★ A female mouse is called a doe.
- ★ A male mouse is called a buck.
- ★ Mice have tails that are as long as their bodies.
- ★ Some mice don't have any hair at all.
- ★ The word mouse comes from an ancient Sanskrit word meaning "thief."
- ★ Mickey Mouse was born in 1928.
- ★ The average mouse lives only 1-2 years.
- ★ A full-grown mouse weighs between 1/2 and 1 ounce.
- ★ In Ancient Greece, the God Apollo was sometimes called Apollo Smintheus, which means Apollo the Mouse. To honor him, white mice were kept in Apollo's temples under the altar.
- ★ Some ancient cultures had a lot of respect for mice. In Egypt a cooked mouse was used to cure a variety of ills including stomachaches.
- ★ You should NEVER pick a mouse up by its tail.
- ★ Mice are constant eaters - and will eat almost anything.
- ★ The first mice to arrive in North America arrived as stowaways on ships from Europe.