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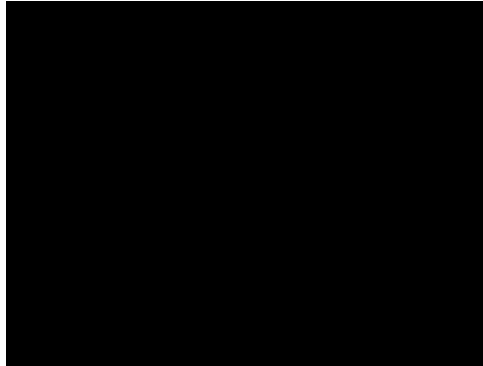
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## African Dwarf Doormouse (Graphiurus murinus)



**Country of Origin:** Africa, south of the Sahara.

**Diet:** A variety of food should be offered every day including fruit, nuts, seeds and insects. Commercial available hamster mix with raw peanuts and sunflower seeds is suitable. A favourite is ripe banana but fresh food consumption should be closely monitored to ensure excess has not spoiled. Water should be constantly available.

**Social Groupings:** These are social animals and should be kept in small groups. They will live happily in single sex groups if introduced at a young age.

**Accommodation:** A large tank with a fine wire mesh lid as these little creatures can escape through the tiniest gap! A deep layer of wood shavings, some nesting material and lots of climbing equipment are necessary to keep these busy animals happy. Dwarf dormice will also need a nesting box, either commercially bought or improvised with a cardboard box or tube. They must be kept warm, at least 21°C (70°F) otherwise they will begin to hibernate.

<b>Gestation Period</b>	Approx. 42 days
<b>Litter size</b>	4 - 6
<b>Weaning age</b>	36-40 days
<b>Puberty</b>	90-115 days
<b>Adult size</b>	7 - 10cm not inc. tail
<b>Adult weight</b>	23-35g
<b>Oestrus (or season)</b>	10-14 days
<b>Life expectancy</b>	5 - 6 Years