

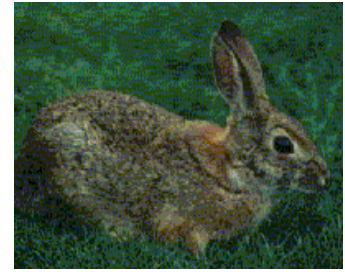
A Visit to the Vet: Small Mammals

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Use the following Animal Hospital resource to learn more about small mammal behavior.



Ask the Behaviorist: Small Mammal

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/vets/ask.html>

Below is a list of questions regarding small mammal behaviors. The date signifies when the question was asked and is where the question and response can be found on the website. After you read the animal behaviorists' advice, write down your ideas about what is causing the behavior and how it might be changed. Tell whether the behavior is innate, learned, or perhaps both.

Feb. 9 – A ferret is tipping things over in the house. What can be done?	
Feb. 12 – S'mores, a dwarf rabbit, won't let a mother take her out of her cage. Why?	
Feb. 12 – Is anything wrong with the squeaking and purring guinea pig?	
Feb. 12 – Mad Max, the rat, is very active in his cage. Any advice?	

Describe a small mammal behavior with which you're familiar.

Small Mammal Behavior:	Do you think this behavior is particular to small mammals or do other animals do it as well?
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Now describe an innate human behavior.

Human Behavior:	Describe whether this behavior is unique to the human species.
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