

Become a Member



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If you would like to become a member of NIRO, please take the time to read and familiarize yourself with our bylaws. Included in this brochure is an application for you to fill out and mail to our secretary. If you maintain a rattery, you will also have to sign a copy of our Code of Ethics and include it with your application. The bylaws and Code of Ethics can be found on our website.

All new applications are reviewed and discussed at the next NIRO meeting following receipt of check and application. Applicants are then voted on at the meeting after that. This process may take as long as 10 weeks. You will be notified when/if your application is approved for membership.



Northern Illinois Rat Organization

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What is NIRO?



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NIRO is a nationally recognized organization of passionate individuals fueled by the need to educate the public about the merits of rats as companion animals and improving the lives of rats everywhere. As

a whole we are dedicated to encouraging proper care and enrichment, improving the overall animal through careful and responsible breeding, supporting and promoting reputable rescues, and sharing ideas with others in order to broaden the collective knowledge of all fanciers.

Our roots began in northern Illinois but we are interested in serving the rat community not only in Illinois and not only for the Midwestern region, but all of North America and beyond. Education is the goal and being involved in all areas of the rat community is our chosen path. We are busy setting up the building blocks towards a brighter future for rats everywhere.

Events and Activities

NIRO Forum

Once registered (free), the NIRO Forum is open to everyone. Hear about the latest NIRO News, discuss proper care and enrichment ideas, read about new litter announcements, participate in discussions about genetics, and post and view adorable rat photos! We have a section for regular Chit Chat, too. Join up and start posting alongside the rest of us!

NIRO Rat Chats

Participate in our weekly real-time chats! VP Dee Hale hosts this chat every Wednesday night at 8:30ET/7:30CT. These chats are an important venue for educating all who attend. Everyone is welcome!

URSA Shows

It is important to bring together individuals of the rat community for a day of fellowship and to get an idea of the quality of rats that are on the table in each of our breeding programs. Many fanciers, both breeder and pet people, come together for these bi-yearly occasions set in the spring and fall. This gives us a chance to catch up with one another and enjoy the company of others who share the same love of rats that we do. Additionally, we get to view and gauge the rats of different breeding programs and are afforded the opportunity to better our own programs by learning from others.

While these shows are fun and exciting for everyone involved, safety of the rats is our top priority. We uphold a strict pre-show quarantine (or isolation) in order to do our best in keeping all rats safe when attending these events. More information available on the NIRO website.

Application for Membership

I wish to become a member of the **Northern Illinois Rat Organization**. Under acceptance as a member, I hereby agree to abide by NIRO's Constitution and By-laws that may be in effect at any time. In addition, if I breed fancy rats, I hereby agree to abide by NIRO's Breeder Code of Ethics.

Sign up for:	Price	Price (paid using PayPal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult	\$15	\$15.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Household (2 adults residing at same address)	\$25	\$26.04
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior w/ Adult Membership	\$20	\$20.89

Total enclosed: _____

Name(s) (all that apply)

Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Age (if Junior)

Do you maintain a rattery? Yes No

If yes, what is the name? _____

How did you hear about NIRO? _____

What are your interests? (circle all that apply)

Breeding **Pets Only** **Rescue** **Shows**
Pet/Fun Matches **Educating Public** **NIRO Meetings**
Help with NIRO Events **NIRO get-togethers and outings**

Do you belong to any other rat clubs or organizations? If yes, please list:

Tell us about your self: _____

Signature

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