
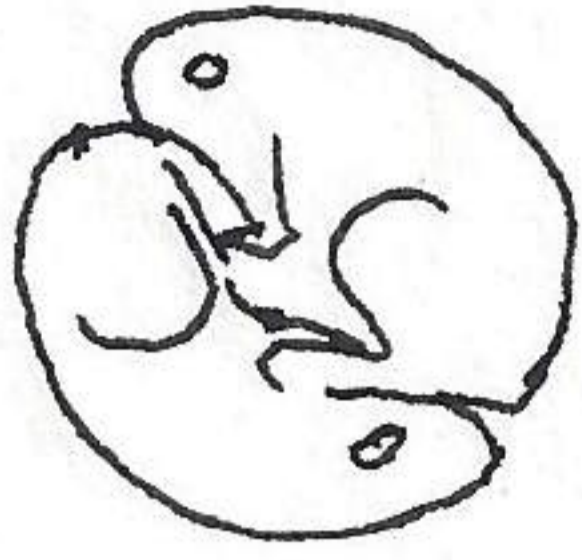


by about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch . This position was kept for about 14 seconds after which they reacted by jumping at each other. The action was fast and ended with this position in which the two had each other by their dorsal part of their posterior backs. This position was held but the two continued to roll about the cage without releasing their grip. It was only after about 15 seconds of prying that I was able to separate them. The second time they were put



together no 530506-1 jumped at no 530506-1 8 inches away. The same type of holding and rolling continued until separated no 5308281 received the worst of the deal and reacted by fluffing its fur and crawling around the cage in short steps. Both lemmings had been injured at several points on their body. They fight in the manner and intensity of a carnivore rather than a microtine. I have been bitten four times by these mice. Their bite is characterized by a jump of 2-6 inches and then clinging on with the original bite contact. The original hold is secured by progressively sinking its teeth slowly but deliberately deeper and deeper into the flesh. Their hold can only be broken by prying open their jaws. They operate like a bulldog like in that once the jaws are secured, they will not let go. Wts today of no 530828-1, 48.7 gms; 530506-1, 46.3 gms. Photo taken today below.