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Two split custody of their pet rats

LONDON (UPI-Kyodo) A young couple who split up after two years have eased the pain of their parting by settling a custody agreement over access to their three pet rats.

According to a report Saturday in the Daily Telegraph, the most important issue when Fiona Rice and her boyfriend, Tony Benson, 28, separated was who would keep the rodents, one of which is blind.

Under a verbal pact, Benson gets the couple's Peugeot car in return for cash, but both decided they should each get to see blind Splinter, a piebald, and his two bristly brown friends, known affectionately as The Girls.

Each week the rats move house. First they stay at Race's home in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, then they go for seven days to Benson's house in nearby Doncaster, northern England.