



2008

## The Year of the Earth Rat

The Chinese say you should always listen to the advice of a Rat – their intellect & observatory powers combined with prudence & perception mean they can anticipate problems and give measured judgements. Those born in these years make good and wise advisors, yet they can never decide for themselves and change direction constantly. The Chinese also say there are few poor rats.

The sign of the Rat is the first animal of the Chinese Horoscope cycle, signifying leadership qualities and the willingness to accept responsibility. Rats always want to be first in line. Status, money and recognition are important to Rats.

This is the sign of charm; Rats tend to be smart, magnetic, well-liked, affable, quick-witted, surreptitious, selfish, protective, calculating, possessing ingenuity & mental capacity. They are lively, genial conversationalists. Those born in a Rat year are full of nervous energy and are prone to stress. They can also have an aggressive side, but like all their emotions this is controlled.

Earth adds solidity to the Rat personality, having a stabilising effect. Earth Rats tend to be more conventional, wanting to establish roots & gain security for themselves and their families. The Earth element lends the qualities of reliability, practicality, industry, prudence.

### **RATS MAKE EXCELLENT:**

Writers, Broadcasters, Actors, Advisors, Counsellors, Lawyers, Politicians, Designers, Engineers, Managers, Directors, Administrators, Entrepreneurs, Musicians, Stand-up Comedians, Researchers, Historians, Race Car Drivers  
Rat people make good business people, accountants, and bankers.

Compatible Friends: Dragons and Monkeys  
Mortal Enemy: Horses

**Rat Years: 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008**