

Dirty Rats... can burn Your house down



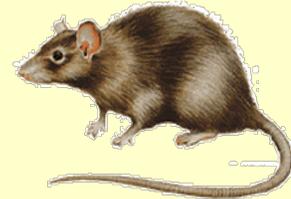
Say Cheese



Black Rat



House Mouse



Brown Rat

Rats are fire stagers - rats must constantly gnaw on hard objects - to cut back their constantly growing incisor teeth - often cause **electrical fires** by gnawing through plastic electrical junction boxes.

Unsanitary habits - rats are omnivorous - eat rancid meat - faeces - live in sewers or other unsanitary places - are known carriers of diseases and health risks to humans from their droppings and constant incontinence - rats they use such urine trails to find their way in the dark.

Two pest species of rats - commonly found in domestic and commercial premises in NSW - the brown rat and the black rat - proper identification of rats is essential to formulate an effective control program.

Rats live and breed in drains, under concrete, in subfloors and in garbage refuse areas, kitchens, roof voids and other areas where a potential food and moisture source is available.

Rats and mice often become a serious problem in cold winter months when they seek food and warmth inside buildings. They may suddenly appear in large numbers when excavation work disturbs their in-ground nesting locations, or their food source is changed, such as, rats feeding in school premises may enter adjoining properties during the school holidays.

Rats are commonly a problem where a building is located near waterways, creeks and canals or other places where ready water supply is available.

Pest Control for Rats and Mice

Professional knowledge of the rodents habits is essential to eradicate a problem, for example, rats avoid bait touched by human hand - they have an acute sense of smell "cunning as a rat".

Pest control options may include the use of sticky traps, mechanical traps and the selective use of latest generation rat baits. Any rat baiting program should use safety dispensers placed in areas and is secure from access by children and pets - such as in a roof void and sealed sub-floor and/or storage rooms.

Rodent proofing: As a preventive measure, we recommend that all potential rodent entry points into the building be sealed to physically exclude rats and mice from entering the building. In some cases, this can be carried out by the home owner or a handy man. In more complicated domestic

and commercial environments, the pest controller can provide specifications and carry out rodent proofing of the premises.

Sanitation / Housekeeping: Rodent pests thrive where food and water is readily available. All food stuffs should be kept in sealed containers or rooms. Garbage and refuse should be similarly stored. Water and food bowls for the pets or otherwise should not be left out at night as this will encourage a rodent infestation in the building.

The cost of professional pest control for rats or mice will vary depending on the size of the premises and the severity of the infestation as several visits may be necessary to monitor and replenish the bait stations. Applicable service warranties may also vary depending on the circumstances.

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