



RATS

There are 2 species of rat in the UK. These are generally referred to as the black rat (*Rattus Rattus*) or the brown rat (*Rattus Norvegicus*).

Although once common, the black rat's habitat within the UK is now restricted to a small number of locations. As such it is unlikely to be encountered by the majority of people.

The brown rat remains widespread and readily able to adapt to most environments, provided that it can locate a source of food and water. Its ability to survive on a wide variety of food stuffs, coupled with its ability to reproduce quickly are the key to this animal's success. It is also the key to its effective control.

Rats inside premises

The presence of rats inside premises can be particularly alarming to people, many of whom feel that they have somehow contributed to the problem. In the vast majority of cases nothing could be further from the truth. It is far more likely to be the result of a minor structural fault.

Although rats have the ability to enter premises through surprisingly small gaps or from adjoining premises they cannot walk through walls or closed doors!

Should you encounter rats or other rodents inside premises, we will always undertake a detailed survey and explain the results of our findings prior to commencing treatment.

At the conclusion of the treatment we are happy to undertake repairs to small structural faults. Alternatively we can advise customers on methods of undertaking the work themselves.

In the event of a larger fault being identified, damage being caused to electrical wiring or other parts of the building we are happy to recommend a number of trusted professionals to undertake this work.

Rats outside premises

Rats are predominantly nocturnal animals becoming active at dusk. As such many people will be totally unaware of their presence around premises during the hours of darkness. In the event that activity is observed during daylight hours there is normally a reason.

This could be that an established population has begun to breed and has outgrown the readily available food source. It could also be that their established food source has been removed or restricted. It could equally be that they have been displaced from their normal harbourage points and are looking for a new place to take up residence.

In any event it is advisable that action be undertaken to prevent a population becoming established around your premises.

Once again we will always undertake a detailed survey and advise on our findings at the outset of any treatment.

Rats around farms, equestrian centres, animal housing or poultry houses

Due to the very nature of these types of establishments, it may not be possible to fully restrict all food sources which would contribute to or sustain a rat population. This could render certain types of treatment less effective than would otherwise be the case.

We have members of staff who are experienced in dealing with these types of premises and can utilise several different methods of control to significantly reduce rat populations in and around these premises.