

Pest Control Service

Advice Sheet 1

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Brown Rat



General Information

The Brown Rat is common throughout Britain. It usually lives in burrows in the soil but may also be found in sewers, food stores and rubbish dumps. It tends to remain close to its nesting site when searching for food. The Brown Rat is thick set with small ears and a blunt snout. Its tail is shorter than the length of its body and head.

Safety Precautions

The following precautions will minimise and risks to occupants and pets:

- Avoid contact with poison;
- Do not let children or pets, particularly dogs, have access to the bait;
- In case of an accident contact a doctor or vet and show them this leaflet.

Treatment

Your property has been treated with one or more of the following:

- Whole wheat bait containing Difenacoum
- Cut wheat bait containing Brodifacoum;
- Wax blocks containing Difenacoum
- Wheat grain bait containing Bromadiolone

Difenacoum, Brodifacoum and Bromadiolone are all indirect anticoagulants (stop the blood from clotting).

For treatment of accidental poisoning by the above substances , vitamin K1 (phytomendione) acts as an antidote.

For further information please contact us on (01495) 357813 or alternatively visit our website at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk