



Norway Rat

Rattus norvegicus



“Fewer wild mammals create as much repulsion and fear among people as does the rat when it moves into our immediate environment”

~Dr Robert Corrigan~

Despite the public’s hatred of these mammals, rats possess amazing physical abilities. The Norway Rat is a strong swimmer capable of traveling distances of 1 ½ miles and can tread water for a period of 3 days. From a standing position it can jump vertically 3 feet, squeeze through openings ½ inch (diameter of your thumb) and are able to gnaw through a lead pipe.

The Norway Rat is a large robust animal varying in color from grayish brown to a blackish or reddish brown. Adults are 16 in total length (nose to end of tail) and weigh 12-16oz. They are also prolific breeders. An average female will have 4-7 litters in their lifetime containing 8-12 pups.

They are omnivorous and opportunistic foragers meaning they will eat anything from garbage to cockroaches, however due to their natural history of living in fields, grains and seeds are a familiar food source. These ground dwelling mammals construct ground burrow nests to protect them from the environment and to raise their young.

At EHS we believe that the majority of interior rat problems can be eliminated by rodent proofing the structure in conjunction with proper sanitation. We use situational pest management to custom design each program based on the clients needs. A variety of techniques are available from baiting to non chemical applications.