

## **Rodent Management**

Rodent are mammals of order Rodentia, which are characterized by a single pair of continuously growing incisors in each of the upper and lower Jaws.

Rats are rodents that serve a purpose in the ecosystem and are scavengers and opportunistic eaters.

Rats are nocturnal and hide from humans. They build nests in warm and hidden places and shredded material such as fabric and paper.

Rats will dig burrows especially in compost heaps or under sheds.

## **Facts about Rodents**

- Rodents always need something to gnaw on to keep their incisors trimmed. That is why they cause damage, as their teeth never stop growing over their lifetime.
- Rat's teeth and jaw can gnaw as hard substance a Lead sheet and hard wood.
- Rats and mice lead to at least 35 diseases that affect humans. Infections spread through droppings, saliva, and Rat bite.
- Rats are vulnerable to pressure. They force and eat the food even if they do not like it, if their fellow rat consumes it.
- Rats can squeeze into a small opening like ½ an inch.
- Rats can survive for a long time without water because they get fluids from the food they consume.
- Rats can hold their breathe for more than three days.
- Rats are the smartest animal in the planet, they find their way to their harbourages, even if their way is blocked.

