



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 2 - The House Mouse



Appearance:

The overall colour is brown to grey with a lighter underside.

The ears are large and the tail is slightly less than the body length.

The adult weighs about 15 grams or ½ an ounce.

Breeding:

Pregnancy: 21 days

Litters per year: 5-8

Litter size: 4-12

Maturity: 10-12 weeks

Life span: 9-12 months

Droppings: 80 per day average

Food:

They will eat almost anything, but prefers fatty foods or food containing oils. They do not drink water they take their moisture from food as long as the food contains 15% or more in content.

Where do House mice live?

They can survive in almost any environment even in temperatures of -18 degrees Celsius, so cold stores are not a problem for a mouse.

Diseases:

Salmonella is carried by mice along with Q fever and some parasites.

Damage:

They damage and contaminate sometimes more than they eat. They will gnaw through electric cables, alarm wires & computer wiring potentially causing fires and disruption.

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