



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 5 - The Rabbit



Appearance:

Full grown rabbits weigh between 1.1-2.2kg.

Usual colouring is grey above and greyish white underneath.

Sandy or dark coloured animals occur occasionally and black forms are widespread.

Breeding:

The breeding season lasts from late January to July or August. Although some breeding occurs throughout the year. The pregnancy period is 28-30 days. The average young in a litter is 5. The average numbers of litters per female is 4-5 year. The young are born in a nest within the main warren or in a blind burrow 1-3m long called stops which are usually dug some distance away from the main warren. The entrance is usually carefully blocked by the doe when she leaves. The nest is usually only used for 1 litter only. The young are hairless and their eyes are closed. The young usually weaned at 3-4 weeks of age.

Food:

Rabbits eat around 0.5kg of green food a day.

Where do Rabbits live?

In hedgerows & embankments living in burrows and below shrubs sometimes they live in scrapes.

Diseases:

None attributed to man although they do catch and carry a variety of diseases which just infect the rabbit.

Damage:

They cause immense agricultural damage to crops, small holdings and even to gardens. Motorway embankment and rail cuttings when subsidence can occur.

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