



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 1 - The Brown or Sewer Rat



Appearance:

These rats are usually brown to grey in colour with a lighter underside.
Their ears are small, the eyes are also small.
Their tails are shorter than head and body.
This rat runs with its tail and body close the ground.

Breeding:

Pregnancy: 3 weeks
Litters per year: 3 – 6
Litter size: 8 – 10
Mature: 3 months
Life span: 12 months
Droppings: 40 per day on average

Food:

Rats eat almost anything but a rat must drink 40mls of water per day.

Where do Brown rats live?

It lives at ground level and below ground level in burrows, sewers and drains.
Rats sometimes get into buildings through old or damaged pipes and services.

Diseases:

Salmonella is carried by rats and also Weils disease which is a type of jaundice, this is found in their urine and 50% of rats carry it.

Damage:

They will gnaw through electric cables potentially causing fires and often will gnaw water pipes / gas pipes. Sometimes they will damage roof timbers and the structure of buildings.

For more advice and control recommendations contact us on 01787 248049