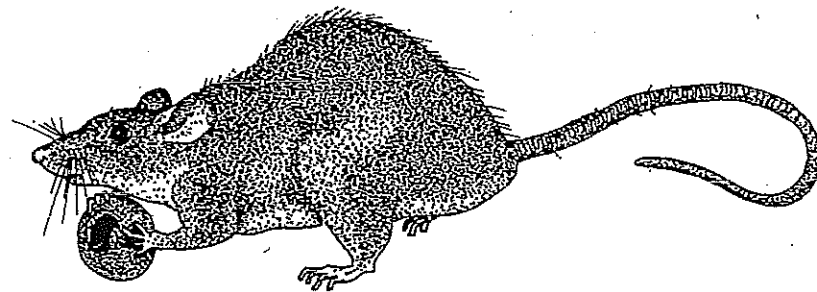


Exclusion

- * Weather strip all doors, and screen all windows.
- * Repair all structural damage, and seal openings 1/2 in. or greater around vents, plumbing and conduits entering the structure.
- * Inspect foundation for separation at bottom of exterior walls. Check crawl space doors for tight fit; also attic and subfloor vents for any damage.
- * Screen stove fan vents and sewer vent pipes at roof with hardware cloth.

Biology of the Roof rat

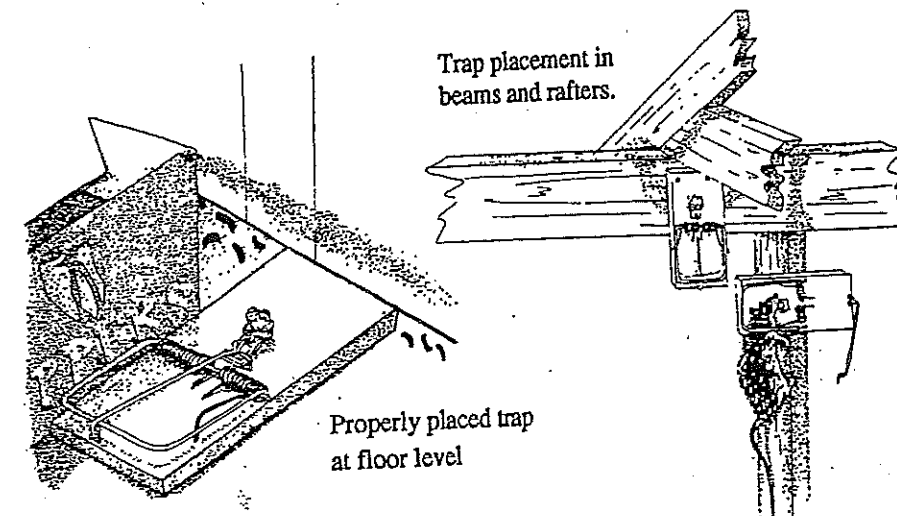
- * Slender 6-8 inches long, with large ears, and a hairless tail longer than its body.
- * Average life span is one year.
- * Females may have three to seven litters, and each litter may produce five to eight pups.
- * Its diet consist of citrus, nuts, pet food, garden vegetables and snails.
- * It's a very agile climber using powerlines and tree limbs as avenues of travel.
- * Will enter a building through a 1/2 in. opening and lives in attics, garages, appliances, autos, woodpiles, and dense foliage.



TRAPPING INDOORS

Because rats prefer to travel close to walls, place traps against and perpendicular to walls where droppings, gnawing, or holes indicate activity. This will ensure that the trigger mechanism will intersect the rodent's most likely path of travel. Prebaiting of traps (baiting unset traps for 2-3 days) will encourage rats to explore these, and doubling the amount of traps ensures greater success.

(Bait traps with peanut butter, bacon, nut meats, dry pet food or dried fruit.)



BAIT STATIONS OUTDOORS

By removing harborage (shelter), and food sources you will eliminate the need to use rat baiting stations. A qualified pest control operator is recommended when using anticoagulant poisons in a baiting program. Anticoagulants require multiple feedings by rats. **Do not** use poison bait inside buildings. This will eliminate poisoned rats from dying in an inaccessible area and creating a serious odor problem. **Always follow the label, and store unused bait out of the reach of children and pets.** Dispose of dead rodents by burial or in a plastic bag and placing in a garbage container.