



National Pest Technicians Association

# National Rodent Survey Report 2006

## GRAVE CONCERN

The National Rodent Survey is undertaken annually by the National Pest Technicians Association to determine what is happening to the UK's rodent population. The findings of this, the 2006 report, gives cause for grave concern.

## DIY TREATMENTS NOT WORKING!

In recent years the onslaught of Government cutbacks have forced huge budget pressures on Local Authority pest control managers, this pressure is now, we believe, beginning to show in this year's House Mouse figures, the DIY approach to pest control is not working.

## BROWN RATS HIT A RECORD HIGH

Over the last six years our reports have proved that the Brown Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) population is growing at an alarming rate. The National Pest Technicians Association first undertook these reports because certain bodies believed the rat population was declining, our members both in Local Authorities and Private Companies disputed these claims and now the annual reports over the past six years have proved that in fact the opposite is the truth. Rats have in the 2006 report hit an all time record high.

If the present trends continue the rodent population in the UK could give rise to a major Public Health Risk.

**The NPTA pinpoint SIX major factors they feel are influencing these dramatic increases in the UK rodent population:**

- **LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGING POLICIES**
- **LACK OF FUNDING BY PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES**
  - **OVERFEEDING OF WILD BIRDS**
  - **LITTER, FAST FOOD AND FLYTIPPING**
- **COMPOSTING AND REFUSE COLLECTION**
- **DERELICT PROPERTIES AND LAND**

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