



Rat Treatment Expectations: What to Anticipate After Horizon Pest Control Services

Dear Valued Client,

We understand the importance of managing rat infestations effectively, and we want to provide you with clear expectations for the process after engaging Horizon Pest Control for rat treatment. Please be aware that rat control is a meticulous process that may require time to achieve complete resolution. Rats are highly adaptive creatures, and treatment methods for corrective action vary based on each unique situation. Factors considered during treatment include:

1. Location: Are rats limited to the exterior, foraging inside, residing within the structure, or a combination of these?
2. Population Size: Assessing the number of rats involved.
3. Proximity: How close are rats to the structure?
4. Entry Points: Identifying how rats are accessing the interior.
5. Food and Water Sources: Understanding the availability of food and water.
6. Origin: Determining if rats are from the client's property or introduced from elsewhere.

To achieve optimal results, Horizon emphasizes the importance of a true partnership with our clients. Regular communication is vital when dealing with rat populations, ensuring the success of the program.

Biological Facts about Rats:

- Rats require 1 ounce of fluids daily and exhibit quick learning capabilities.
- They are adept climbers with continually growing teeth, necessitating purposeful chewing.
- Rats can chew through various materials, including metal, wood, and concrete.
- Adult rats can weigh as much as 16 ounces, are nocturnal, and coexist well with humans.

Mechanical Traps:

For populations inside a structure, mechanical traps (such as Glue Boards and Snap traps) are employed. These traps are strategically set, often initially unset, allowing rats to acclimate before active trapping begins. Mechanical traps are shuffled during follow-up services to optimize effectiveness. It is essential not to exclude rats immediately, as it may trap them inside or force them into new areas.

Exterior Treatment:

Addressing exterior issues involves utilizing various tools such as tracking powder, the burrow X machine, Rat ice, and approved tamper-resistant Rat Bait Stations. Each method is chosen based on inspection findings and may take time for effectiveness. Considerations are made to minimize potential concerns, such as odor control and secondary poisoning.

Post-Control Measures:

Once the issue is under control, addressing entry points becomes crucial. Horizon's exclusion team can inspect and seal potential entry points. An exterior maintenance program is often implemented for long-term rat control, preventing new infestations.

Ongoing Communication:

Rat control is a process requiring ongoing communication and multiple steps. Capturing, baiting, habitat alterations, and maintenance are integral to achieving desired results.

For any questions or concerns, contact our office at 201-447-2530.

Thank you for choosing Horizon Pest Control.