

# Rat Facts

- 1** Rats can chew through the toughest materials, such as cement or lead sheeting!
- 2** The jaw muscles of a rat can exert up to 12 tons (that's 24,000 pounds) per square inch. Relatively, the infamous great white shark bites with a force of 1.8 to 2 tons per square inch!
- 3** Rats **NEED** to gnaw in order to keep their teeth filed or worn down - their teeth don't **EVER** stop growing . If they don't keep their teeth worn down, their teeth can grow right through their brain!
- 4** As soon as temperatures cool down and the land dries up of its food sources, rodents will scramble to search for food, warmth, and shelter indoors, often entering your home through small cracks and crevices.
- 5** Rats can chew through most materials used in home construction. We have seen rats chew through, brick, concrete, and wood. We have also seen them chew through water pipes and wires. *Bit of a terrifying thought, isn't it?*
- 6** One fact most homeowners aren't aware of is that rats cause a fairly large number of building fires. While they are chewing on everything they can get their teeth around to keep those incisors filed down, they frequently gnaw through electrical wiring. This can cause the wires to short circuit, potentially starting a fire.
- 7** Rat droppings can contaminate your home and trigger allergic reactions in your family. Once rodent droppings dry out, they produce a dust that become a hazard to the health of you and your family.
- 8** Rats carry several diseases that can be transmitted to humans through fleas and ticks. The rodent droppings can spread diseases, including *Hantavirus, Salmonellosis, Rat-Bite Fever, Leptospirosis, Hemorrhagic Fever*

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Your Attic  
or Basement,  
does something  
look back? Or  
do you just hear  
Something? Could be Rats.**



## A Living Nightmare...

Did you know that a pair of rats, in good living conditions, can reproduce up to 14,554 rats in a single year?

**If you suspect that you have rats, don't hesitate to contact us:**

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