

Welcome and thank you for joining your local pest free project!

In return for a free rat trap, we ask that you **record your catches**.

This helps us to feedback to our community on trapping results, and to ensure the ongoing success of the project.

To do this, you can either:

- Email us your catch data to catches.pestfreehowick@gmail.com, or
- Use the website based **CatchIT** program (we will provide login details and instructions via email, and we're happy to help you along the way)

We use CatchIT (www.catchit.co.nz) as our trapping data management and analysis tool. All catch data are collated into CatchIT, whether you choose to do this yourself or prefer that our team enter catch data for you.

If you sign up for our newsletters, we will keep you updated on how the project is tracking.

Tips and Tricks for successful trapping!

Wear gloves when setting and emptying the trap – rats may be scared off by human scent.

Think like a rat!

Rats and mice like to run along a wall for safety – place your trap along a fence line, under trees, beside an outdoor shed or pool pump. Think about a food source, do you have a compost bin or fruit trees?

Check your lure regularly – insects and snails love peanut butter too; they will eat the lure then the rat has no reason to visit your trap.

Make sure the trap is stable – if the trap moves when the rat goes to enter, this will scare the rat away and it will become “trap shy”.

Check out Predator Free NZ 2050 an awesome website full of great info!

<https://predatorfreenz.org/resources/trapping-best-practice/>

We recommend watching the NZ documentary series – Fight for the Wild

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/fight-for-the-wild>

Any problems or queries please do not hesitate to get in contact with our team at

pestfreehowick@gmail.com



PEST FREE HOWICK WARD

We are using a wooden tunnel with one of the following traps placed inside, check out these links to remind you how to use your trap:

TREX



<https://bit.ly/31XuAka>



VICTOR POWERKILL



<https://bit.ly/2PN2vtn>



VICTOR PROFESSIONAL

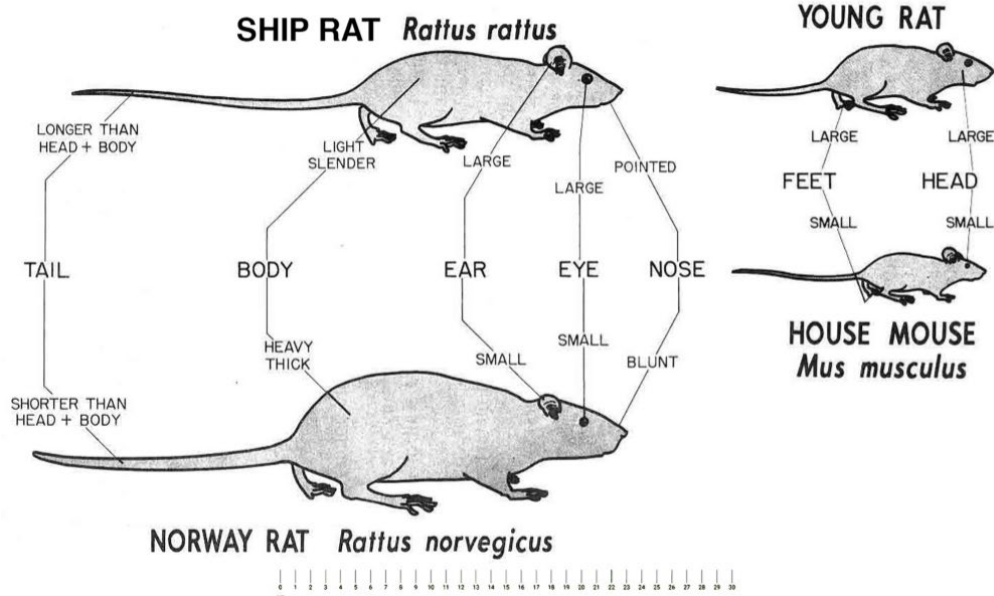


<https://bit.ly/3rYT9b8>



Rat Identification – What have I caught?

FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC RODENTS



Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbours – we need 1 in 5 households trapping!

