



## Mouse (Mus-Musculus) Treatment Expectations

### What to expect after receiving service for mice from Horizon Pest Control

When treating for mice, Horizon will use one of two methods initially, depending on the infestation level found during the original inspection and throughout our professional assessment process. If the population is found to be what Horizon considers high, we will begin by using mechanical controls, which would include glue boards, snap traps, and repeat-use mechanical traps. In situations where rodent activity exists, and assessed to be in low levels, we will often use rodenticide baits in tamper proof controls as an initial and long term pro-active mean to control rodent populations.

With high infestation levels: We will strategically install rodent control devices in areas we know are prone to activity. We will also install them in other areas where activity was observed and identified through inspection. These identification points will be observed by body oil markings called sebum, droppings, nesting materials, etc. Attics, crawlspaces, compressors, boiler rooms, drop ceilings and behind appliances are some of the most common that will be looked at and potentially addressed based on our findings. These are areas that are conducive to rodent survival. In commercial environments there can be many conducive conditions throughout a building, based on the type of building, what the company does, where the company is located, etc.

Why, during heavy infestations, do we use mechanical traps on the inside? Our goal in these situations is to capture and remove the rodent population. In these situations, the frequency of service is typically weekly until the problem is at a manageable level. The devices need to be inspected and maintained regularly to make sure they are still ready to capture the next rodent that travels by. By removing the mice quickly, we are also reducing the opportunity for secondary pests from creating issues. These secondary pests include flies, Dermestid Beetles and other pests which feed on organic fibers.

During the follow up services it is common for the technician to relocate rodent control devices from areas of sound conditions to areas subject to higher rodent pressure, especially as we begin to gain control of the population. So, please be aware that devices may be relocated based on the ongoing findings of the technician.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\***

Rodent treatments take time to work. If you have taken steps to make sure that belongings are out of harm's way by removing them from the area, the structure, and the property, please do not put them back until the technician gives you the direction to proceed. It can take 30-60 days to reduce large populations, and if you bring things back too early, they may be at risk of being damaged while also hindering our ability to gain control.

When rodent populations are moderate, Horizon will often use a rodenticide baiting program to control the rodent population. The materials we use are anticoagulants and take time to work. The materials are slow acting and often take 5-7 days after feeding, for the mouse to perish. Mice are nibblers, they are not gluttonous. As mice find food sources, they will associate and remember the areas. They will eat a little bit and will continually return to feed, often having multiple feeding locations within its territory.

In homes, we often place bait stations by common areas of anticipated activity like, attics, crawl spaces, the basement sill plates, and near appliances. The rodenticide baits are placed in tamper resistant bait



stations to reduce the potential of exposure to humans and non-target animals. Mice are hyperactive in nature, a biological necessity for their survival is constantly moving from protective spot to protective spot, which is why our team will at times need to relocate stations and/or install them in a strategic pattern to use this behavior against them.

All the devices mentioned are designed not only to eliminate active conditions, but also to protect the structure proactively should new rodent pressure come to the structure from outside.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, thank you for choosing Horizon, and thank you for your understanding. If the issue persists beyond 3 weeks, please call the office at 201-447-2530 to schedule a service call. Your original service date was \_\_\_\_\_.

The Horizon Team.