



## **CASCADE'S Rodent Decontamination Service**

For the Prevention of Hantavirus and other Rodent-Borne Diseases.

Rodents are a very real health threat because they routinely carry a host of diseases including salmonellosis, amoebic dysentery, rat-bite fever, hantavirus, and a number of other diseases. This is cause for concern for both you and your family.

**Hantavirus\***, a disease primarily carried by *deer mice*, has been given a lot of attention ever since an outbreak in the southwestern United States which killed a number of people. Now, according to authorities, **“nine Washington residents, including three (during 1996), are known to have been stricken by the disease since it was first identified in 1994. It proved fatal for half of them.”**

**Deer Mice are wide spread throughout the rural and suburban areas of Washington State.** According to the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry, “Infected deer mice have been found throughout eastern and western Washington, with an estimated 5 to 10 percent of the deer mouse population infected by the virus.” As reported by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the virus is passed to humans through exposure to rodent urine, droppings, or saliva - very likely indirectly in the form of contaminated dust which may be “kicked up” or on surfaces of stationary objects.

Since the possibility of hantavirus, as well as other rodent-borne diseases, is a very real threat, it is important to consult *Cascade* about protecting your household.

Recommendations made by health authorities:

**First - basic rodent control. Professional rodent control is very important due to the rise in rat populations within the King and Snohomish Counties and due to the problems associated with deer mice.**

**Cascade's award-winning service includes:**

**An extensive Inspection** to determine points of entry, food sources, nest sites, trails/area of activity, and outdoor populations within the vicinity of your home —all presented on our ***Rodent Exclusion Report***. **Trapping and limited Baiting.** Trapping is quick and effective and Baiting is only performed such that it will not present a hazard.

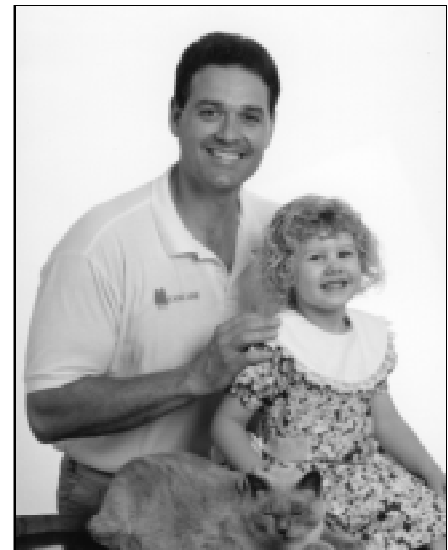
**Second**, provide *Exclusion Remedies* to “**build them out**” for long-term prevention. Eliminating entry points in and around a home is paramount to prevent future rodent problems because the rodent population is ever present in neighborhoods and vacant land. Often, this requires extensive work in attics and substructure crawl spaces - difficult places to work - involving the sealing of holes and crevices with steel wool, sheet metal, or concrete - and sometimes other, more extensive measures. *Cascade* regularly provides this service.

**Third**, and very important, *clean and disinfect* areas which have been contaminated by the presence of rodents, especially deer mice.

These measures are crucial since various diseases, including hantavirus, can be present in the vicinity where the rodents have been, even long after they are gone. According to the Washington State Department of Health, “cleaning up places in your home where mice have fed, left droppings, or nested (may include use of) disinfectant, wiping and mopping, steam cleaning, washing clothes and bedding” as well as special disposal of contaminated items. For sheds, garages, cabins, or other enclosed spaces such as attics or crawlspaces they recommend additional precautions such as aeration, wearing respirators, and the application of disinfectant to surfaces.

Decontamination service is available through *Cascade* for houses, other buildings, and enclosed spaces where rodents have been present.

Have *Cascade* provide your home with professional inspection, pest control, and/or decontamination services today for your family’s environmental-health and peace of mind.



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\* According to the CDC, “Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) symptoms are generally flu-like. As the infection progresses, the individual may experience difficulty in breathing, a distinguishing symptom that can quickly progress to severe lung disease that requires intensive care intervention. No cure or vaccine is available against the hantavirus disease, although the earlier that medical treatment is sought, the better the chance of recovery.”