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How do rats end up in toilets anyhow?



It does happen on rare occasions. And it's not something anyone expects to see in their own home, in their own bathroom. When a rat ends up in a toilet bowl, it's usually because it swam there through sewer pipes, not because it fell in while tiptoeing on the rim.

Still, a rat entering a toilet is an uncommon event and usually only occurs if the rat population in the sewers is very large... and if the sewer system and lines are in bad shape. In many cities, rats use the older sewer systems as highways. They can follow the scent of food washed down drains and enter the stand pipe to a home. Unable to reach the kitchen, they can end up in the toilet instead. Rats can also get into toilets by entering the system through a roof vent.

Why don't they drown? Norway rats are semi-aquatic by nature. They can swim as far as one kilometre in open water, and can dive and swim under water for 30 seconds at a time.

Needless to say, closing the lid and flushing does not usually get rid of the toilet rat. Neither does pouring rat poison into the bowl. A glue board on a stick might

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work, but the best way to remove a rat in a toilet is with an animal loop snare. Snare the rat and place it in a sack or pillow case and deal with it outside of the account. The main thing is to keep your cool because your customers are already going to be freaked out.

As with any situation involving sewer rats, the long-term solution usually requires more than you can do alone. Communities, local government, and local utilities have to get involved when rats have taken over the sewers.

We have massive problems in our communities with rats at the moment with the DA's Helen Ziller being bitten by a rat at the parliament buildings and National newspapers reporting during the month that "City's under rat and lice siege" The problem is only going to get worse with the start of winter when rats move indoors for food and shelter. Now is the time to focus your attention on rodent proofing and treatments

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