## **Mouse Traps and Trapping Mice**

Mice traps for rodent control come in many types of styles.

The most common and effective mice traps are snap traps, and glue traps. The snap type of mice trap has been around a long time.



#### **General Mouse Trapping Tips**

- Location: Good trap placement is an essential step for effective use of mouse traps. Inspect first to determine the activity of the mice. Place traps in areas of high activity. Typical active areas are along walls, behind appliances, behind objects, and darkened corners. Placing mouse traps out evenly at a set distance may provide thorough coverage, but it is not guaranteed to reach the mice. Place traps in areas where mice are running or nesting. To maximize the chances of mice passing over the traps, place along their runways or paths. Place mouse traps at a right angle from the wall, with the trigger end almost touching the wall. If they are set parallel to the wall, set them in pairs with the triggers situated to intercept mice coming from either direction. Use more traps for heavier populations.
- Two Mouse Traps (Snap Traps or Glue Traps) Placed Together: In locations of high mice
  activity, use two snap or glue mouse traps together, with about 1" space between them.
   This would catch mice that try to jump over the traps, a particularly common occurrence.
- **Baits or Lures:** Only a small amount (pea size) of bait or lure is needed. It is a good idea to offer a mouse a lure that is high in protein, like peanut butter. But the lure's success depends greatly on how much other food is available and what they are accustomed to eating. Besides peanut butter, fried bacon, salami, oatmeal, and chocolate are usually favored by mice. If there are numerous mice, using a variety of baits in different mice traps would offer a wide range of choices. A good strategy would be to offer food lures that are not available in the area. As an example, in a flour mill, use meat as an enticement.

**Finish the job:** Continue to monitor the areas for mice activity and continue to place traps out until the activity has ceased.

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## **Glue Traps-Boards and Trays**

Glue traps are non-toxic and provide quick results. They also are effective in capturing and monitoring insects. Even though glue board traps are easy to use, they generally not as effective as the snap or muliple mice traps. They are ineffective in locations with a lot of dust, dirt or water. Glue boards are more efficient in capturing mice than capturing rats. In severe mouse infestations they can help reduce the populations, although other types of rodent control will

need to supplement the glue traps, since some mice avoid the glue surfaces. The young juvenile mice are more easily captured on the glue traps.

# **Placement of Glue Traps**

Place glue traps along their runways or areas of high activity. If food is scarce, use a lure (vanilla extract, chocolate, peanut butter, ect.) placed in the middle of the trap to help attract the mice to the glue trap. In general, place glue traps along well used runways, where the mice can not avoid them, as they blindly run into them. Glue traps also monitor insect activity.

Many glue traps can be placed inside the multiple mice traps, preventing escape. The multiple mouse traps will also protect the glue from dust and debris.

### **Glue Trapping Tips**

- Check glue traps frequently. Daily inspection would be ideal. Captured rodents may use their own urine, hair and feces to escape traps.
- To prevent glue traps from becoming ineffective due to dust and debris, place glue boards inside of muliple mice traps
- Mice Trap and Tin Cat Mice Traps all have optional glue boards for fitting inside these traps.
- Secure the traps with <u>Hercules Putty</u> or a strong double stick tape or adhesive to prevent captive mice with free legs from moving the traps.
- Since dust and moisture damage the effectiveness of a glue trap, do not use in areas where the mice may carry the dust and moisture on their feet or body.

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