



## Dear resident,

Anticimex Pest Management, the *gemeente* (municipality) and housing associations are working together to control rats in De Heeg. We need your help in doing so. This letter tells you what you can do against rats yourself. We are also hosting an information session for residents about controlling rats. **Please note: the information session will only be held in Dutch.** Later in this letter you will find several rat control tips in English.

In July, we placed 17 smart traps in the sewers in a part of De Heeg. Such traps quickly kill the rats, after which the dead rats flow away with the sewer water.

### Information session – in Dutch only

On 3 November 2022, we will hold an information session between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm in community centre De Boeckel, Roserije 410. We will explain what we do against rat problems and answer your questions. We will also show you how many rats have been caught with the traps.

There will be plenty of coffee, tea and *vlaai* (traditional sweet pie from Limburg). Please register in advance by sending an email to [janneke.ackermans@maastricht.nl](mailto:janneke.ackermans@maastricht.nl).

### What you can do about rats yourself

- Don't leave residual waste bags or rubbish outside.
- Throw food scraps in the green bin, not in the residual waste bag.
- Don't place any food near or in the containers at the sorting station.
- Store pet food in well-sealed containers. Don't leave it outside.
- Don't overfeed chickens, rabbits or other animals kept outside. Make sure they can eat the food in one go without leftovers. This also applies to feeding birds in your garden.
- Make sure your garden is well-kept. Rats like to hide, so clear away clutter or any other items that can serve as hiding places for rats.
- Clean up after your dog. Rats will eat almost anything, including dog mess.



### **Report a rat problem to the gemeente (municipality)**

The *gemeente* would like to know where you've seen rats and how often you see them. Please let us know if you've seen rats or traces of rats, such as droppings, holes in the ground or gnawing damage.

You can report it via the [MijnGemeente App](#) or by calling 14 043.

### **Questions about this letter**

If you have any questions about this letter, please call 14 043 and ask for Janneke Ackermans or send an email to [janneke.ackermans@maastricht.nl](mailto:janneke.ackermans@maastricht.nl).

Yours faithfully,

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### **Learn more**

Please visit ► [www.gemeentemaastricht.nl/en/reporting-pests-and-vermin](http://www.gemeentemaastricht.nl/en/reporting-pests-and-vermin) for more information about controlling rats in English.