

## PLEASE NOTE:

**This is a Dusky-footed Woodrat, an Endangered native animal and a Species of Concern**



The following is a message from Rebecca Dmytryk, President and CEO of Humane Wildlife Control:

"Your community lies within the native woodrat territory. Woodrats are endangered and are a Species of Concern in the State. *No one is allowed to place bait stations or traps that could harm woodrats.*

"To control rodent populations in and around a home, you want to be sure to reduce attractants - remove birdseed feeders, ivy, debris and clutter and be sure garbage is contained properly. Next, have your home inspected for intrusion points, where rodents could be getting through the "outer shell" of your home. They only need 1/2".

"Once these openings are shored up, then the rodents can be removed, for good. The process is detailed on our web site, Humane Wildlife Control.

"Bottomline, you can't kill your way out of a rodent problem - more just keep coming. Think of their presence as a symptom - the real problem is the food and shelter resources that support them. *Plus, use of poisons risk killing other animals - the predators, like owls, bobcats, coyotes, fox - even dogs and cats are at risk if they eat a poisoned rodent.*

"Besides exclusion (shoring up the holes), there are safe repellants you can use outdoors to deter rodents. Feel free to give us a call for more information."

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