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Prevention of Rodent-borne Diseases in Construction Sites and Disused/Vacant Lands



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Rodent-borne diseases:

Some unattended construction sites and disused / vacant lands may be covered by overgrown grass. They may become playgrounds of stray dogs and breeding grounds of rodents. Mites and ticks that live on the bodies of these animals may carry pathogens capable of causing scrub typhus and tick-borne spotted fever. These arthropods usually cluster at tips of grasses for easy attachment to the bodies of animals (e.g. stray / guard dogs and rodents) and passers-by.

Scrub typhus

Scrub typhus is transmitted by bites of infective Trombiculid mite larvae. Trombiculid mites are small, only 1-2 millimetre in length, and red in colour. Some wild rodents may carry the larvae of the mites on their bodies. On man, the larvae congregate at areas where clothing is tight against the skin such as around the waist or the ankles.

Tick-borne spotted fever

Tick-borne spotted fever is transmitted by bites of infective ticks belonging to family Ixodidae and Argasidae. This disease could also be contracted through crushing of infective ticks or their faeces into abrasions or eyes.

Most larval ticks cluster at tips of grasses or leaves and seek for their preferred animals. Animals such as dogs and rodents may carry ticks on their bodies.

Advice to the owner / management – preventive measures

- ◆ Trim the grass on the land regularly to not higher than 30 centimetres;
- ◆ Remove the scrub / grass before starting work on the land;
- ◆ Fence off the land by installing strong wire meshes, preferably with apertures not greater than 6 millimetres in diameter for the part up to 1 metre from the ground, for preventing the intrusion of stray dogs and rodents;
- ◆ Examine guard dogs for ecto-parasites and disinfect them regularly;
- ◆ Conduct regular inspections for rodent signs and ensure that there is no accumulation of refuse, disused articles or food remnants;
- ◆ Store goods / construction materials properly for easy detection of rodent and stray dog problems;
- ◆ Appoint trained personnel or pest control company to handle rodent and pest problems; and
- ◆ Apply insect repellent such as insect repellent containing 10%-30% concentration of DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) on clothing or skin according to label instructions when entering the land.

Enquiries

For further information on prevention of diseases transmitted in construction sites and disused lands, please contact the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on 2868 0000. To report rodent problems, please contact the Department's district environmental hygiene offices. Their addresses and telephone numbers are listed on the back page.