



# Rat on Rats!

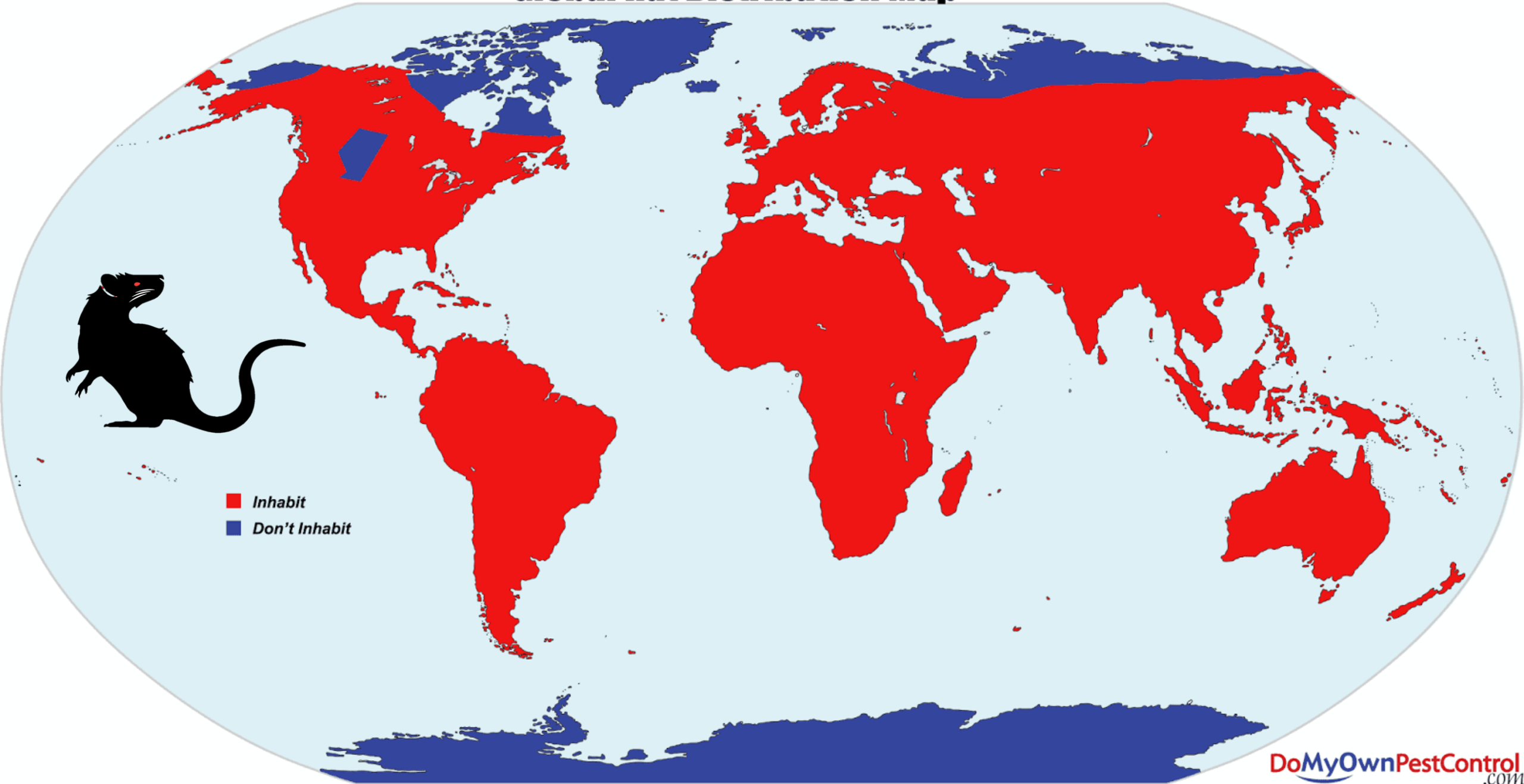
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# Global Rat Distribution Map



**RATS** are coming!

**ALBERTA** the only RAT-FREE Area in North America

**LET'S KEEP 'EM OUT!**

*How?*

1. LEARN ABOUT THEM
2. WATCH FOR THEM
3. SHOOT THEM
4. TRAP THEM
5. POISON THEM

*Keep 'em out!*

**RAT FACTS**

1. THERE ARE OVER 150,000,000 RATS IN NORTH AMERICA
2. IT COSTS \$300,000,000 ANNUALLY TO FEED THEM
3. THEY DESTROY OR DAMAGE MATERIAL VALUED AT \$2,500,000,000 ANNUALLY
4. RATS BREED AT 3 MONTHS HAVE 8 LITTERS AVERAGING 10 RATS EACH PER YEAR
5. THE NORWAY RAT IS THE PREDOMINANT SPECIES
6. RATS FLOURISH IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS ALIKE
7. EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS A RAT PROBLEM

*Let's keep 'em out of Alberta!*

*You Can't Ignore*  
**the RAT**

*He's a menace to*  
**HEALTH**  
*HOME*  
**INDUSTRY**

*HE CARRIES GERMS*  
*HE DESTROYS PROPERTY*  
*HE CAUSES WASTE*

**KILL HIM!**

**LET'S KEEP ALBERTA RAT-FREE**

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**UNWANTED**  
**UNLESS DEAD!**

"KROO"

KEEP RATS  
OUT OF  
ALBERTA

ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# How does Alberta stay Rat-Free?



## 'Ratlandis': Rats build massive dome of tunnels at Tampa intersection

At the corner of Florida and Hillsborough avenues, a colony of rats has overtaken an area where people wait for the bus, in a tunnel system...

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VS Vancouver Sun

## Vancouver's rat problem: Why are there so many, and what now?

The Vancouver Rat Project has spent over a decade researching management of urban populations and the implications for human and wildlife health.

1 month ago



Chicago Tribune

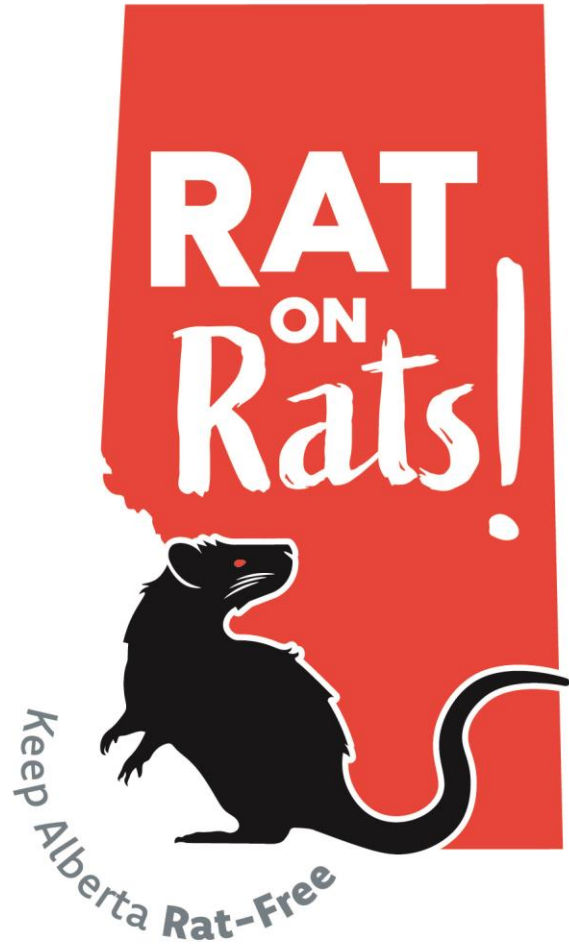
## Editorial: New York has declared war on its legions of rats. Chicago should do the same.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams has made reducing that city's rat population a high-priority issue. Chicago should do the same.

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# Thank You!

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