



## Swarm of 2ft super-rats plaguing Britain: Exterminator says pests are 'largest ever'

THESE are just six of the two-foot super-rats invading homes in Britain.

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Rat catcher Lord Dean Burr snared this family of monster pests on a housing estate.

He says the beasts may be growing so large by feasting on each other.

Lord Burr, who inherited his title after the death of an uncle, said: "Rats will eat mice and they will eat each other as and when they die.

"So it's possible that these rats got so big by attacking and eating smaller rats.

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“Getting six this big in one swoop is unheard of. I reckon we got the majority of the family.

“They were big, a foot to two feet long – that’s the size of a cat.”

Dean was carrying out a routine inspection of his traps in a housing estate in Tooting, south London, when he discovered the beasts.

But the rats were so large the traps did not kill them.



He said: “They were just left alive wedged in there. Suppliers are looking at bigger traps.”

The pest controller said he had never had a haul like it in the 15 years since he started his company Lord Environmentals.

He added: “These are the biggest I’ve ever seen. I wouldn’t want to corner one or be face-to-face.

“They will fight and they will bite and they will defend if they have to. It is a serious issue. They are getting bigger and bigger.”

The discovery comes after experts predicted the warm winter could push our giant rat population to 200million.



We revealed last week how postmen in Norbury, south London, refused to deliver letters in a rat-infested street in case they got bitten.

Rodents up to 18in long overran Clevedon North, Somerset, where the TV show Broadchurch is filmed.

In Wirral, Merseyside, 40 reception class children were moved to a nearby nursery to escape horror rodents in their school.

And disabled Michael Gregory told how he was bitten on the stumps of his amputated legs by an enormous rat the size of a cat in Newport, Gwent.