



WEST COAST RODENT ACADEMY

3 DAY
EVENT

November 1-3, 2023

University of California Cooperative Extension
South Coast Research & Extension Center
7601 Irvine Blvd | Irvine, CA 92618

A Partnership



**Don't miss this opportunity to participate
in a rare training event.**

The University of California Cooperative Extension is hosting a three day workshop on urban rodent management. You won't want to miss this unique workshop which includes lectures, hand-on activities and break-out session to help you better understand rodent ecology and integrated pest management (IPM). Learn about rodent disease, monitoring, trapping, urban rodent surveys and much more.

Take the opportunity to develop and hone your skills in staged, real-life scenarios at the Demonstration Landscapes at the University of California's South Coast Research and Extension Center.

Topics

- ✓ A comprehensive look at the task of managing commensal rodents in urban environments
- ✓ Instruction by leading experts from across the US and local agencies.
- ✓ Combination of classroom and field demonstrations addressing best management practices
- ✓ Limited attendance





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DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023

9 30 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
12:30pm
1:30 pm
2:15 pm
2:30 pm
4:30 pm
5:30 pm

Registration

Welcome & Introductions

Commensal Rodent Biology and Behavior with Hands on ID Break outs

Stephen Vantassel, Vertebrate Pest Specialist, Montana Department of Agriculture

Break - Lunch boxes

Health Significance of Commensal Rodents

Laura Krueger, MPH, PCA, Vector Ecologist, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Principles of Commensal Rodent Exclusion

Warren Hanussak, Technical & Training Specialist, Vesperis

Break

Session A: Exclusion Tools and Techniques - WCRA Instructors

Hands on breakout session looking at how to select the right tools for the job

Trapping 101: Proper Trapping Techniques

Timmy Madere, Urban Rodentologist, City of New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent & Termite Control Board

Dinner Sponsored by Bell Laboratories

DAY 2

THURSDAY, November 2, 2023

7:30 am
8:00 am
9:15 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
10:40 am
12:15 pm
1:00 pm
2:00 pm
2:45 pm
3:15 pm
3:30 pm
3:40 pm
5:00 pm

Sign in and Breakfast

Rodenticides: Modes of Action, Formulation Selection & Resistance

Stephen Vantassel, Vertebrate Pest Specialist, Montana Department of Agriculture

Regulatory Update

Elizabeth Bondy, Agricultural/Weights and Measures Inspector II, Los Angeles County

Break and Exhibits

Move to Break-Out Stations

Session B: Inspection Breakouts

Outdoor Inspection Tools: *Nick Branca, Bell Laboratories*

Game Camera 101: *Timmy Madere, New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent and Termite Board*

Indoor Inspection Tools: *Gregg Gransie, Target Specialty Products*

Lunch - MFG Updates & Exhibits

Fact or Fiction: Debunking Commensal Rodent Myths

Timmy Madere, Urban Rodentologist, City of New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent & Termite Control Board

State of the Industry: EPA PID & Current Regulatory Status

Sylvia Kenmuir, MSc. BCE, Senior Technical Services Representative, West

Break and Exhibits

Conducting Urban Rodent Surveys

Katie Biardi, Staff Research Associate, UCCE

Move to Break-Out Stations

Session C: Conducting a Rodent Survey

Three Surveys - 20 min each

Scenario and Wrap up



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DAY 3

FRIDAY, November 3, 2023

7:00 am

Sign in and Breakfast

7:30 am

Principle Sponsor Update

Nick Branca, Technical Sales Representative, Bell Laboratories

7:45 am

Communication Tools: How to Communicate Rodent Management to the Public

Sylvia Kenmuir, MS. BCE, Senior Technical Services Representative West, BASF

8:45 am

Session D: Putting it All Together in a Presentation

Time to see what you have learned. Each group will be assigned a scenario using all the working group info over the last two days. A rodent program will be designed and a presentation will be given to the group.

10:00 am

Break

10:15 am

Scenario Review

11:30 am

Awards

11:45 am

Wrap up and Kahoots! Game Final Quiz

12:15 pm

Box Lunch and END

Featured Speakers:

STEPHEN M. VANTASSEL

Stephen M. Vantassel is the Vertebrate Pest Specialist, Montana Department of Agriculture (<https://agr.mt.gov/Vertebrate-Pests>).

Stephen began working in the wildlife control industry in the early 1980s when he obtained his license as a Problem Animal Control agent. In 1994, Stephen founded Wildlife Removal Service, Inc. (sold in 1998) servicing clients in western Massachusetts. Later, he spent 10 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln managing the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management (ICWDM.org). He is a Certified Wildlife Control Professional (CWCP™) and Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE™).

Stephen has published scores of articles and several books on wildlife control. His latest book is a revision of the classic Being Kind to Animal Pests which explains how to use cage/box traps humanely. He is presently revising Dr. Austin Frishman's book, Vertebrate Pest Handbook. Stephen is based in beautiful, Lewistown, MT, where he loves helping his fellow Montanans resolve vertebrate pest complaints.

TIMMY MADERE

Timmy Madere began his career in the pest control industry early in life, crawling in attics and under houses for his Grandfather's pest control company every summer. In 2008, Timmy went to work for the City of New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent, and Termite Control Board as a general pest control specialist and research assistant and is still working there today as their Urban Rodentologist.

Timmy has worked on research studies and urban pest issues concerning everything from termites and bedbugs to coyotes and raccoons; but his primary focus is on commensal rodents and urban rodent control.

Timmy has written articles on rodent biology and control techniques for the National Wildlife Control Operator Association (NWCOA) and PCT magazine; as well as being a featured speaker in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019, for PCT magazines' annual rodent control webinar. Timmy has a BA in History from the University of New Orleans.

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Where to Stay

Hilton Garden Inn Irvine Spectrum
23131 Lake Center Dr. Lake
Forest, CA 92630

**October 31 – November 3, 2023 King
Room \$159.00 plus parking.**

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**Registration Deadline: Wednesday,
October 25th, 2023**

What Do I Do Now?

- 1. Complete on-line registration form.** Registration is limited to a maximum of **45 students** and limited to four per company or agency on a first come - first in basis (See Previous Attendee Registration Information).
<http://ucanr.edu/regwcra>
- 2. Payment must be completed in order to secure your spot (s) via credit card during the registration process.**
If you are unable to pay by credit card, Please contact Kat Hicklin via email us for assistance (khicklin@ucanr.edu).

Questions – Email: rodentacademy@ucanr.edu

Refund Policy: Requests for registration refunds will be honored if written notification of cancellation is received by on or before October 24th . Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellations after the applicable deadline but substitutions will be accepted.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 25th , 2023

- 3.** Once your registration has been received and confirmed, you will receive an email confirming your spot. If the academy is full, you will be offered a spot on the waiting list. Waiting list participants will be notified by Thursday October 26th.

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