



Are cats the ultimate weapon in public health? (Jen Christensen, July 15, 2016)

- *When the cats are put in place, they'll kill off a lot of the rat population, "the other rats will get a whiff of (the cats') pheromones and bug out and leave the area," Paul Nickerson ("Cats At Work" project, Tree House Humane Society, Chicago) said.*
 - *"As far as rodent control goes, it's nearly 100% effective," Liz Houtz (Chicago Community Cats Program manager) said. "It's the only long-term, permanent solution there is."*
 - *Before (Empirical Brewery, Chicago) got its colony, the rats bit holes into their grain bags. Staff had to toss 200 pounds worth of malt over the year. They haven't lost a grain since the cats came.*
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Cats rescued from shelters are hired for rodent patrol (Jerome Campbell, 06/26/16)

- *Scott Yamabe, executive vice president of the Original L.A Flower Market, said the facility had battled rats since the beginning of the 20th century. All kinds of things were tried to get rid of the rats, but the results were always the same: nibbled-on flowers.*
 - *About 15 years ago, Mayla Kaplan (Executive Director, Voice For The Animals) made a proposition to Yamabe. She would deliver three cats to the flower market to get rid of the rats. And if they could not take care of the rodents, she would take them back. The market currently has 15 cats, and...they do not see any rats.*
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Barn Cat Placement Program: A Simple Shelter Solution (Elizabeth Frye, 10/20/15)

- *"These (Barn cats) are perfect for any place with horses or any place with a mouse problem," says Cat Program Manager Monica Frenden. "Barn cats are the original form of pest control."*
- *Lake Austin Spa Resort took six cats to live on their property. Although they may not be "friendly" with humans, Director of Flora and Fauna Trisha Shirey decided to name them after characters of the beloved sitcom "Friends." Phoebe, Joey, Monica, Chandler, Ross, and Rachel now roam freely around the top rated resort.*
- *Other cats have been placed with the Austin Police Department Mounted Patrol and a nearby Belgian draft horse farm.*