



Pest Information Sheet

The aim of this sheet is to give a brief insight into the life cycles and treatment methods of a few of our more troublesome pests and to answer any questions you may have after our technicians have visited. All of our treatments are guaranteed and should your questions not be answered here please do not hesitate to call us on; 01223 640191 or find us at www.bountypestcontrol.co.uk

Moles

Our mole treatments are carried out using two different methods - Trapping or Gassing. Both of these methods are effective, however, some are dependent on the location of the mole and the type of establishment you own and in some cases your patience will be required!

Moles belong to the insectivore family; they grow between 14cm-16cm and weigh 100-150grms.

Breeding takes place in February and March and a litter of 4 or 5 are born 42 days later. The young are pushed out of the 'nest' at 1 month of age and become sexually mature in 1 year. Although due to a recent milder climate, breeding has become more frequent and throughout the year.

The moles favourite food is earthworms and each mole will only eat enough to satisfy its appetite, which is anything between 70-100% of its own bodyweight.

The mole is rarely seen as it spends most of its time underground because of this they have very poor vision. They scour their network of tunnels every four hours in search of food and then spend a further four hours resting.

Moles can tunnel one foot in a minute.

The mole has 44 teeth, more than any other mammal in Britain and has a life span of up to 3 years.

Moles are solitary creatures and in general do not get along with each other. The mole will often fight to the death if another mole infringes on its territory except of course in the mating season.

There are many different examples of mole treatments, in many cases one mole has been found to be creating a significant amount of damage. In other cases that have been reported up to 12 moles have been caught in a 10-foot square area over three weeks!