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Dear residents,

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In collaboration with the municipality of Zoetermeer, B2Blue Pest Control has taken the initiative to make an Action Plan together with Vestia, Vidomes, the VvE board and the real estate company VZB.

Rat boxes (see photo) have been placed around the buildings and the underground waste containers. These boxes are equipped with rat traps or bait and are checked regularly. The sticker on the box states what the contents are. This way they get a good picture of the distribution of the brown rats and they can start combating them in a targeted way.



Rat box type EVO Express is weighted, provided with a lock and will be where possible anchored.

B2Blue Pest Control is a government-certified company (IPM Rodent Control and CEPA) to use biocides if necessary to control brown rats for a certain period of time. This is subject to a few conditions, such as adapting the habitat (municipality) and depriving the food supply (municipality and resident behaviour). We expect the support of the residents in this. Soon we will put up posters in the hall with tips.

For their part, the municipality will keep the greenery on the park side low and remove food residues.

With this approach and your support, we hope to make the problem manageable within a few months.

If you have any questions or useful tips, don't hesitate to report them at [info@b2bluepestcontrol.nl](mailto:info@b2bluepestcontrol.nl)

Trusting to have informed you sufficiently,  
Kind regards,

on behalf of the VvE Belvédèrebos board  
Henk Huijzer (chairman)