## Your guide to choosing the right rat and mouse trap

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	Snap traps	Electric traps	Live capture traps	Rubber ring traps	Bait stations & poision	Goodnature traps
How it works	When triggered, a metal spring mechanism snaps down, killing the rodent.	The rodent enters the trap and gets a fatal electric shock, these traps can be mains or battery-powered.	The rat or mouse is lured into and trapped and kept alive inside a cage for later disposal/removal.	Once the rat enters the trap it triggers a thick rubber band to latches tightly around the rodent's neck, choking the rodent to death.	The poison is attractive to rodents and once the bait is eaten they slowly die a few days to a week later.	The rodent enters and triggers a gas-powered piston, hitting the rodent in the head, killing it swiftly. The trap then resets itself, ready for the next one.
Labour	You have to bait and reset the trap each time your trap catches a rodent.	You have to bait and reset the trap each time your trap catches a rodent.	Checked daily, as a captured rodent can die from starvation or dehydration.	Checked daily, you have to re-bait and re-band the trap each time your trap catches a rodent.	Replace bait when eaten. Rodents can die anywhere after eating poison.	Trap requires new gas and lure every 6 months but checked daily if the trap is located indoors.
Cost (USD)	\$5-10	\$20-100	\$10-30	\$10-20	\$10-100	\$170-200
Non-toxic	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×	<b>✓</b>
Humane	×	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×	<b>✓</b>
OOO Pet safe	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×	<b>✓</b>
Multi Kill	×	×	×	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Summary	Snap traps are the most common rat and mouse trap, they're cheap and you can use your own bait, but you have to dispose of the dead rodent and reset it after each kill.	You can only use electric traps indoors and given it has a fair amount of voltage behind it, should result in a quick and clean kill.	Live capture traps are non threatening and effective traps, however once captured it's your responsibility to deal with the live rodent.	Much like the snap trap, it requires re-baiting and a new rubber ring after each kill, with a more accurate and guaranteed humane kill.	Poison is cheap and easy to use, but it kills rodents slowly and painfully and can harm other species like your pets and working animals through secondary poisoning.	The Goodnature A24 is a self-resetting trap, uses zero toxins and is ceritfied humane. The high one-off cost pays off over time since the ongoing cost is \$40/year.