

FACT SHEET

Glis Glis Edible Dormouse



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Peak Time Excludes
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not 24 hour

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In appearance, the glis glis is like a small version of the grey squirrel. The head and body are about 150mm (6") long and the bushy tail is about 125mm (5") long. The fur is silvery grey, shading to a light colour underneath and there is a ring of black hair around each eye.

The animal is common in Europe, but is not native to Britain. It was deliberately introduced into Tring Park in 1902 and has spread into the surrounding area. The extent of the spread is not fully known, but is thought to be no more than about a 30 mile circle from Tring, although there have been unconfirmed reports of sightings at much greater distances. Today, the introduction of new, wild, species is prohibited by environmental laws, but at that time no one had any concern for the long term implications of releasing what is, in effect, a pest into the UK. Glis Glis cause considerable damage to trees and crops, and from the mid 1920's onwards were causing damage in houses, particularly by gnawing woodwork and electric cables.

The common name "edible dormouse" dates from Roman times. The Romans farmed them by keeping them confined and fed a diet to encourage them to become fat. They were then served as an exotic delicacy at banquets. Like many small animals, Glis Glis can appear to be attractive and entertaining. However, they are definitely not to be regarded as a pet or a cuddly toy. They have been described as sulky, standoffish and at times bad tempered. Once fully emerged from hibernation they are very nimble and fast on their feet.



Glis Glis are nocturnal and in houses the first signs of infestation will either be noises heard in the loft at night, or signs of damage in the loft or outbuildings. The animals hibernate for long periods (the German common name for them is "Seven months" because they hibernate for the 7 months October - April)



Only limited research has been done on the life cycle of the UK population. It is thought that Glis Glis emerge from hibernation in May and that a litter of 2 - 5 young are produced in July - August. It is possible that there may be more than one litter each year, but precise information is lacking. By the standards of small rodents, Glis Glis have fairly long lives. It is known that animals in the wild live for 3 - 5 years and there is a record of a Glis Glis in captivity surviving for 8 years. They are rarely found outside the Luton, Beaconsfield and Aylesbury triangle, where they are fairly common.

The small litter size and the small number of litters per year, together with action of natural predators mean that Glis Glis do not multiply out of control the way that rats and mice do. However, they are slowly extending the infested area and this will be aided if there is a tendency to warmer spring and summer weather.

As Glis Glis are regarded as pests, it is illegal for householders to release them back into the wild.



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There are very strict laws about how Glis Glis must be caught and dispatched, everyone involved must work under strict Government license terms. Do not be tempted to control Glis Glis without recourse to a licence or a company working under such licence terms. Otherwise you may commit a criminal offence.

Please note that the terms of the licence is to kill the animals caught by specific means - it is illegal to remove them and release them alive in another area. It is thought that some of the spread of Glis Glis to other areas has been caused by well-meaning householders who have trapped Glis Glis and then, out of a mistaken sense of humane disposal have released them. Not only is this illegal but all this does is present the problem to someone else.

Natural England Advice - Resolving Problems Involving Edible Dormice

Problems involving dormice may be resolved without recourse to a licence.

For advice from the regulatory body on edible dormice contact Natural England on 0854 6003078, or at www.naturalengland.org.uk. They will either assist you directly or put you in touch with your local Wildlife Management Adviser. Advisers can offer guidance to you over the telephone to ensure you do not contravene any legal methods of control.



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Schedule 6

Terms Specific to Glis Glis Treatments

1. Subject to paragraph 4 below, our Service is to attend your premises, provide you with a glis glis trap, pick up any trapped glis glis as necessary in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Schedule 6 and collect the trap at the end of the Treatment Period.
2. **YOUR POTENTIAL CRIMINAL LIABILITY - PLEASE READ:**
You acknowledge that under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, YOU could commit a criminal offence if you use a self-locking snare for the purpose of killing or taking a glis glis unless YOU have taken all reasonable precautions to prevent injury to the animal. It is therefore very important that you follow the terms of this agreement and the instructions that accompany the trap, which have been prepared in order to ensure that you comply with the law. As long as you do this, you should be fine.
3. Clauses 4.3 and 7.1 of this agreement shall not apply to glis glis treatments.
4. If you have your own cage trap and on arrival at your premises, we deem the cage to be adequate, our Service shall be only to remove any glis glis that become trapped inside the cage during the Treatment Period in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Schedule 6.
5. The Treatment Period shall begin when the cage is delivered and shall expire six weeks afterwards or, if earlier, at the end of the fifth visit to your premises following delivery in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Schedule 6 (whether or not any glis glis were in fact in the cage when we subsequently visited). If you wish to continue using the cage after then, you will need to book another Cage Period.
6. On arrival or at booking we will require a deposit of £35.00 per trap, which shall be refunded by our accounts section within seven working days of us collecting the trap(s). If the trap is damaged or destroyed before collection, the deposit shall be retained by us to cover the costs or repair or replacement.
7. You hereby agree to contact us immediately on seeing a glis glis trapped inside the cage trap. We shall then arrange to visit your premises to remove the animal. If you contact us before 10:00 a.m. on a Working Day, removal will take place later that day, subject to gaining access to the cage. If you contact us on or after 10:00 a.m. on a Working Day, removal will take place on the next Working Day, subject to gaining access to the cage. We will then dispose of the animal(s) humanely.
8. For the purpose of paragraph 7 above, a Working Day is any Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.
9. You hereby agree:
 - c. to strictly comply with the instructions that we provide when we deliver the trap;
 - d. to close the trapdoor at or before 10:00 a.m. every Friday and not open it again until at least 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday, so that any trapped animals can be collected swiftly on a Working Day;
 - e. to keep the trapdoor closed throughout the evening before a public holiday and during the day of a public holiday;
 - f. to leave an adequate supply of food and water in the trap at all times;
 - g. to check the trap every morning and evening;
 - h. contact us as soon as you see a glis glis inside the trap;
 - i. cover the trap (but not the trapdoor) with a sack or blanket if it is in an area where it would otherwise be exposed to daylight, in order to avoid stress to the trapped animal;
 - j. not to position the trap in areas where other animals might be caught accidentally; and
 - k. not to release a trapped glis glis back into the wild,

and you acknowledge that you may commit a criminal offence if you breach any of the terms within this paragraph 9.



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Trapping of Glis Glis Advice Sheet

Terms and Conditions

Please read our terms and conditions of service: Schedule 6: Terms Specific to Glis Glis Treatments, these detail all relevant conditions relating to their capture and treatment. The information given below is intended to help customers set the loan cages correctly and successfully.

The setting of loan cages and capture of Glis Glis is carried out by you the customer and the duties of SDK/ Dial-A-Pest are limited to collection and humane disposal of any live Glis Glis.

We will of course assist in explain how to set the various traps however the responsibility for setting checking and humane treatment of captured animals in your care rest with you the customer. For information relating to the lawful trapping of Glis Glis and the terms of the licence please visit the website of Natural England:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/species/edibledormice.aspx>

All details relating to charges for treatment are shown on your Local Authority website. Alternatively these are also displayed on the Dial-A-Pest Website at <http://www.dialapest.co.uk>

Instructions

The following instructions are a legal requirement, and must be obeyed to prevent cruelty to trapped animals. Failure to do so may constitute a criminal offence and will constitute a breach of our terms and conditions and Glis Glis licence.

Traps must be set only in areas where no other animal might be caught accidentally. Where possible animals which are non-target must be released if accidentally caught.

The trap must have a supply of food and water. We recommend that you use an apple, which can supply both, and you must replace the apple whenever it loses its freshness.

You must check the trap at least once every 24 hours, and notify us as soon as you are aware a Glis Glis has been caught, as detailed below

In order for the Glis Glis to be collected it must be reported to us between the hours of 08:30-10:00 in order to guarantee collection that day.

We must collect the Glis Glis as soon as we are notified to ensure the animal is not put through unnecessary stress or suffering. As there is no service on a Saturday or Sunday or Public Holiday, you must follow the rules below about when you can set the trap; this is detailed in our terms and conditions or service.



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How to Set the Trap

Monarch Multicatch Trap

This cage is approximately (mm) 430w*180h*240d. It is self-setting and operates using a counterweight against a trap door.

1. Open the cage compartment, this is the opposite end of the cage which is funnelled.
2. There will be two hooks attached to the cage body or a wing nut in place ensuring the cage compartment is closed, you will need to remove these hooks from the cage body or twist the wing nut in order to gain access to the cage chamber.
3. Open the cage chamber and add suitable bait either cut apple or grapes.
4. Close the cage chamber door and secure using the hooks attached to the cage door or by twisting the wing nut. (Ensure the bait is placed in the middle of the cage compartment to ensure the Glis Glis enter the cage to access the bait rather than eating it through the bars)
5. The trap should now be placed in a suitable location in order to catch the Glis Glis.



Albi Trap Single Catch

This cage is approximately (mm) 200w*100h*100d. This cage needs setting in order work as it is not self-setting.

1. Bring the metal bar which sits on top of the trap forward such that it sits through the loop which is attached to the cage door.
2. Push the loop which is attached to the cage door back towards the hook which is hanging from the cage so that it lies flat on top of the cage.
3. Bring back the metal bar which was fed through the loop of the cage door back toward the hook and lock in the recess on the hook.
4. The cage door should now be held in place by the hook.
5. Attach a slice of apple or grape onto the end of the hook, so that when the Glis Glis eats the bait it moves the hook and closes the cage door.
6. The trap should now be placed in a suitable location in order to catch the Glis Glis.

