

Update: The Rats in My Yard

Due to the quantity of desert pack rats camped out in stick hovels in my yard, I have taken to live-trapping them. I am providing relocation services and am calling it Give a Rat a Ride. Once I have one trapped, I look the cute, healthy looking little guys over and then put them, trap and all in a big plastic tub so they can't pee all over the back of the Toyota. I haul them several miles down Hwy 71, where there is a rat halfway house (big pile of sticks). I take along several pads of Indian fig cactus that they like so well, as larder for the future.

I took a rat out yesterday morning with ample larder, and I took another one out this morning and saw that they are eating the pads. Anyway, if any of you need a supply of rats, I can show you where the distribution center is.

My whole purpose in moving the rats is to freshen things up. Once I have removed this current population, it will allow the next fresh wave of rats to move on in. Got to keep things circulating!