Dear Participant,

Many people come into contact with pests in and around the home. Little is known about how often this occurs and how householders deal with the situation. That is why Utrecht University is studying the extent to which pests occur in Dutch households.

This short questionnaire is a first investigation. We would like to ask you a number of questions, completing the form will take 5 to 50 minutes. Your answers are ANONYMOUS and will be used only for this scientific study.

For the purpose of this survey the following animal and insects may be classed as pests:

- rodents (e.g. mice, rats etc.)
- flying insects (e.g. mosquitoes, flies, wasps, etc.)
- crawling insects (e.g. cockroaches, fleas, silverfish, etc.)
- birds (e.g. pigeons, crows, etc.)
- moles.

Thank you for your cooperation.

General questions

1. studentship

Are you presently in full time study? (Choose one answer)

Yes
No

2. area of residence

Where do you live? (Choose one answer)

Village
Town or city
Countryside

3. age

What is your age? …..

4. education

What is the highest level of education achieved? (Choose one answer)

Primary school
High school (3 options)
Vocational college
Higher vocational college
University
Other: …..
5. gender
What sex are you? (Choose one answer)
Male
Female

6. household pets
Do you keep animals? (Choose one answer)
No
Yes, I have one or more pet animals
Yes, I keep animals for a living
Yes I have both pets and animals that I keep for a living

7. (only for students) Living away from parental home
Do you live away from the parental home? (Choose one answer)
Yes
No

8. Year of construction
When was your house built? (Choose one answer)
Before 1960
After 1960
I don’t know

9. Type of house
In which type of house do you live? (Choose one answer)
Terraced
Flat on 1st floor or higher
Ground floor flat
Semi-detached
Working farm
Detached house
Other: .....
Statements

Here are a number of statements that have to do with health, pests and pest control. Please indicate to what extent you agree with the statements by ticking one option. The answers are the same for each question, namely:

A completely agree
B partially agree
C neutral
D partly disagree
E completely disagree

Health statements

10. I follow my doctor’s instructions because they benefit my health
11. I eat a balanced diet
12. My health is important to me
13. I exercise regularly
14. I often do things to benefit my health (e.g. take exercise, go to bed early, eat a healthy diet)
15. Diseases that you can get from pests can be very serious
16. I think the chance of catching a disease from pests in or around my home is high
17. I expect to catch a disease from pests in and around my home within the next year.
18. It is likely that I become ill due to pests in and around my home
19. Catching a disease from pests in my home would lead to serious health problems
20. There is a good possibility of catching a disease from pests in my home
21. My self-esteem would be affected if I were to catch a disease from pests in my home
22. Catching a disease from pests in my home would influence my life greatly
23. I am concerned that pests in and around my home may make me ill
24. The thought that I could become ill from pests in and around my home is worrying

Pest control statements

25. Carrying out pest control prevents problems in the future
26. It is difficult for me to control pests
27. Exterminating pests is beneficial to me
28. I know how to control pests effectively
29. If I have pests in or around my home, I want to get rid of them
30. Pest control is not worth the effort
31. Pest control helps prevent the spread of disease
32. Pest control is too expensive for me
33. If I have pests in or around my home, I intend to use pest control
34. Pest control is time consuming
35. It is easy to control pests
36. If I have pests in my home, I will take action to control them
37. Pest control has unpleasant consequences

Questions on pests

38. How would you control pests in or around your home? (please tick one answer)
   - I would do it myself
   - I would ask the local authority
   - I would use a contractor
   - I would take no action
   - Other: .....

39. How often have the following pests been sighted in or around your home during the past year? (Please tick the appropriate box, once answer per pest category)

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40. Do you have any questions or comments on this questionnaire?

This is the end of the questionnaire. Thank you very much for your participation.