

## Keep Pests Under Control

Man's best friend can also be food safety hazard. All animals including pets, birds, rodents, and insects are potential sources of contamination because they can harbour microorganisms.

- Keep pets and pests out of the packing, storage and shipping areas.
- Have a written pest control plan that includes a map of where traps are located.
- Bait cannot be used in food handling areas.
- Discourage the roosting of birds above packing, handling and storage areas.
- Keep your grounds clear of waste and have garbage properly stored and removed. Keep grass cut short to discourage rodents.
- Remove old and inoperative equipment to eliminate areas that harbour rodents and insects.
- Regularly inspect facilities for signs of infestation. Monitor all pest control activities for effectiveness.
- Keep records of your monitoring and pest control activities.