



The recent incidents that have been reported in the media about foxes attacking small children have raised concerns in the public about these animals. Whilst pest controllers can take an objective and measured view of these incidents, clearly some of the public, particularly those with small children, have become alarmed and have started to demand action from pest controllers.

Fox control has, until now, been something of a political “hot potato” for the pest control industry. The fact is that the majority of people like foxes. In a survey about wildlife in their garden completed by nearly 4000 household across Britain, 65.7% liked urban foxes, 25.8% had no strong views and only 8.5% disliked them. In a recent survey by The Mammal Society, foxes were voted one of the most popular British mammals.

Traditional fox control measures such as trapping and shooting can prove to be very contentious and, furthermore they only provide a short term fix. Removal of foxes merely serves to create vacant territories for others to exploit. It is the territorial scent marking of the resident fox that keeps others at bay and once this has been removed a vacuum is created which will quickly be filled.

There is a solution. Repellent spray treatments using Scoot. Scoot is a wettable powder which works by causing a chemical reaction when the foxes mark their territory. This disguises their own scent and confuses the fox’s senses. The fox perceives that the scent is that of another, and vacates the territory in order to avoid the risk of conflict.

Spray Scoot on the areas where a fox would typically scent mark - Fence lines, shrubs, Garden perimeters, together with any areas of fouling or where there is evidence of digging.

Usually a 3 part treatment at fortnightly intervals is sufficient to discourage them. It is worth noting that after the first application it is not uncommon for the fox to increase it’s scent marking activity in an attempt to see off the perceived intruder. After a week this activity should die down once the fox realises that the scent is not being overpowered.

Scoot is non toxic and Biodegradable.