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Flea Borne Typhus Surveillance Report June 2023

The Flea Borne Typhus Surveillance program is a District surveillance program that focuses on collecting rodents and their associated ectoparasites. The primary focus is fleas, which are potential vectors of flea-borne typhus or murine typhus. Through this program risk of human exposure to flea-borne typhus will be determined for inhabitants of unhoused encampments.

This month we surveyed 3 encampment sites in San Jose:

San Fernando, San Jose

Columbus Park, San Jose

Julian St, San Jose

Rickettsia typhi and Rickettsia felis Testing:

14 flea pools were tested, all negative



Count of Rodents by Site



Figure 1. Number of rodents collected in June within the encampments by sex

Figure 2. Number of rodents collected in June by encampment site

Count of Flea count by Flea species



Figure 3. Total fleas collected collected the month of June

Figure 4. Total fleas collected by site in June

Rickettsia felis Testing Results		
Flea species	NEG	Total
Ctenocephalides felis	2	2
Leptopsylla segnis	8	8
Nosopsyllus fasciatus	34	34
Total	44	44

Rickettsia typhi Testing Results			
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Figure 5. Testing results for *Rickettsia felis* and *Rickettsia typhi* flea pools