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GERMAN ROACHES

The German cockroach is one of the most common and most hated household pests. It is the roach that gives all other cockroaches a bad name. The roach's rapid reproductive cycle allows the pest's population to double every two weeks. One female roach and her offspring can produce more than 100 million roaches a year. Female roaches only need to mate once to lay eggs for the rest of their lives.

Cockroaches are one of the toughest insect on the planet, and some are capable of living for a month without food or staying alive without their head for up to a week. They can also survive under water for about 45 minutes.

Cockroaches have been around for more than 300 millions years, about 10 times longer than humans and these insects are very resilient. In fact, some people say cockroaches would be the only survivors in a nuclear war. They have a much higher resistance to radiation than people and other vertebrates, surviving a lethal dose 6 to 15 times higher than that for people.