

## “Washing hands meant holding a water bottle between your legs”

- explains Rasmus Kristensen about some of his former jobs. Now that he works as a pest-controller for the local municipality, he has a ShoulderSink with easy access to water, soap, handrub – without cross-contamination.

### Great job with many upsides

Having checked the traps at a farm with horses at Kolind, Rasmus is washing his hands, explaining everyday life as a pest-control technician.

"We help many private households, but also businesses here in the municipality. So you get to go all over, see lots of stuff and talk to all kinds of different people. I love that part of the job.

But professionally, you must be prepared for just about anything," he explains, while cuddling his "colleague" Kvik. Kvik, his Danish-Swedish Farm Dog, joins Rasmus on the job every day. To date Kvik has caught over a hundred rats.



### Poison, viruses and bacteria

As a pest control technician, hygiene is an important part of the job. Even if you do not have a dead rat in your hands every day, you are handling poison, messing around in areas with soil, dirt and remains from various pests, so you are constantly exposed to harmful substances and infections. According to the Danish Ministry of Environment and Food, rats alone can carry 55 infectious diseases, among other things Leptospirose, which if left untreated can be fatal.



"It's nice when you get a ShoulderSink in your hands here at Syddjurs Municipality. A proper solution that gives you easy access to all you need: soap, water, paper, handrub and even a bin. I always use it before lunch and when I have handled animals."

### Many half-solutions

"In several of the places I have worked before, half-solutions were offered: some alcohol and paper, or a bottle of water that you first handle with dirty fingers and then hold between your legs. So I have just sent a picture of this on to a couple of my old colleagues," Rasmus Kristensen smiles.

Syddjurs Park and Road department has chosen to equip all their municipal pest control vehicles with a ShoulderSink. That way, staff can always get their hands clean without risk of cross-contamination: water and soap, and a roll of paper to dry off that is far more hygienic than handkerchiefs, and then an alcohol-based handrub

