

Tips

Use alternatives to poisons such as:

- Physical traps
- Natural repellants such as the scents of natural predators
- Barn owl nesting boxes; owls are very efficient rodent control

There are **NO SAFE POISONS**.

Poisons are still a danger to unintended victims such as wildlife, domestic pets, and children. "Pests," such as rodents, serve a very important purpose in our ecosystem as food chain sources for other wildlife and as seed dispersers perpetuating the growth of vegetation. By using alternative methods in our homes and gardens, we can alleviate many rodent and pest problems, while allowing all animals to continue to play the vital roles they fulfill in nature.

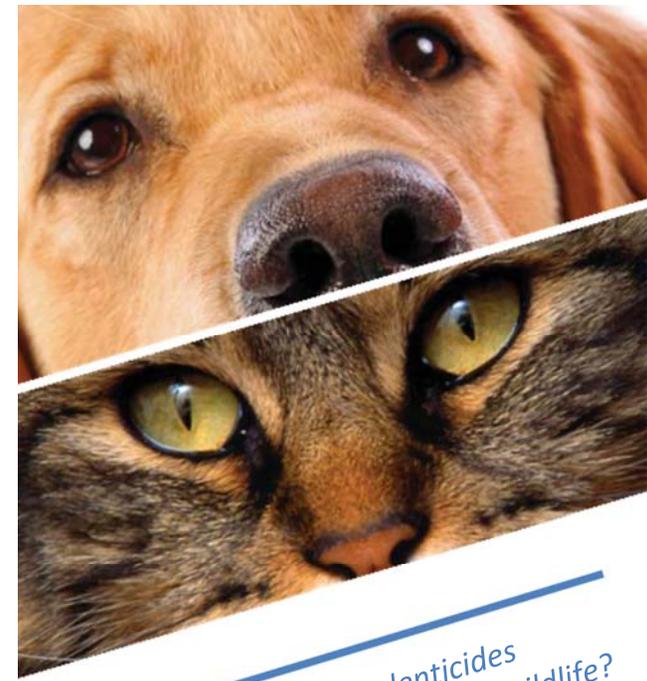
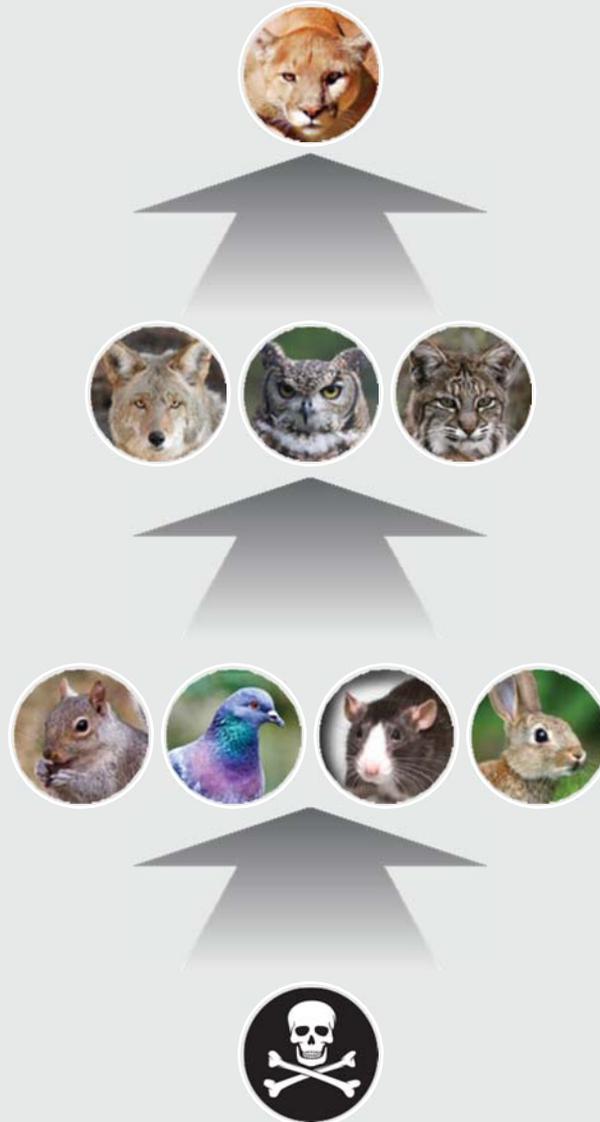


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Toxic Food Chain

Scientists are finding these extremely potent poisons in a wide range of wildlife. Many animals come into direct contact with rat poisons, while others, like owls, come into contact by eating rats that have been poisoned.



*Anticoagulant Rodenticides
Are you poisoning your pets and wildlife?*



Anticoagulant Rodenticides

Anticoagulant rodenticides, more commonly known as rat poisons, kill more than just rats. Support our City's resolution against the selling and usage of anticoagulant rodenticides and help protect our wildlife and pets.

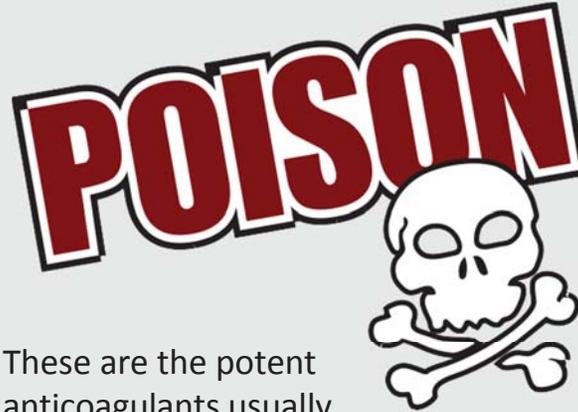
The Truth about Poisons

Using rodenticides produces short-term results but do not solve pest problems in the long term. The poison leads to a slow, painful death for all animals that ingest it, whether it's a pest, wildlife or domestic pet. As the animals weaken, they become easy prey for predators and opportunistic scavengers, killing animals that feed on poisoned prey {secondary exposure}. This affects both the predator/scavenger and their offspring.



Death by Poison

- Diphacinone
- Brodifacoum
- Bromadiolone



These are the potent anticoagulants usually set in bait box stations. Once ingested, these poisons may take up to two weeks before causing death by internal bleeding.

What Can We Do?

The Camarillo City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-34 urging businesses in Camarillo to no longer sell or use anticoagulant rodenticides, urging all property owners to cease purchasing or using anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties in Camarillo, and committing the City of Camarillo to not using anticoagulant rodenticides as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

Alternatives to Manage Pests

- Remove sources of food or strong odors around your property
- Remove any standing water {including fountains} and repair leaky pipes
- Remove any sources of shelter: wood piles, boxes, tires, debris and overgrown plants



Access

- Seal all cracks and crevices that may lead into your home, garage, attic, and crawl space
- Use quarter inch metal mesh {not chicken wire} to seal off entry points, and steel wool for smaller holes.
- Keep a 2 foot space between bushes, remove tree limbs within 3 feet of roofs and keep grass 2 inches tall