



Wildlife-Friendly Rodent Control

Help prevent Pueo and 'Io from becoming sick from rodenticide poisoning.

What is Rodenticide Poisoning?

Rodenticide poisoning happens when an animal, like a Pueo, eats a rodent or insect that has ingested rat poison. If enough poison builds up in the animal's body through repeated poisoned meals, the animal can become sick - this is called secondary poisoning and is often fatal without treatment. Rodenticide poisoning affects many different animals including hawks and owls, bats, song birds, and even pets like cats.

How You Can Help

If you have a rat problem, try one of these wildlife friendly solutions :

- snap or electric traps that are inaccessible to any other creatures
- wildlife-safe (typically sodium) pellets
- CO2 powered traps
- scent repellents - cayenne pepper, peppermint oil, ammonia
- barriers to prevent rodent entry

Cats are not recommended for rodent control.

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