

Rodenticides (Mouse and Rat Poison) updates

In 2014 we wrote an article about rodenticides and since then there have been changes to the types of rodenticides available. While some things have stayed the same there have been several scientific advances to the rodenticides used.



Things that have stayed the same...

- ✓ The rodenticides still come in a variety of forms including blocks, granules and pellets.
- ✓ They still taste good to all animals with flavors including peanut butter.
- ✓ They still come in a variety of colors including green, red, blue and tan.
- ✓ It is still vital that your veterinarian knows exactly what type of rodenticide your pet came into contact with. Just saying that you pet ate the green block doesn't give your veterinarian enough information because there are several different types of green blocks. Your veterinarian needs to know that active ingredient to determine what tests need to be done when and what the treatment would be. The active ingredients can all look very similar so it may be best to bring the container along or have it with you when you call your veterinarian.



Things that have changed...

- ✓ While first generation anti-coagulants such as warfarin are still used in human medicine to prevent the formation of blood clots they are no longer used as rodenticides because the rodents have become resistant to them.
- ✓ Depending on the type of rodenticide bloodwork may not be done right away or at all, it may be best to wait to do bloodwork for up to 48 hours.
- ✓ Vitamin K, which was the treatment for the first generation rodenticides, may not always be the appropriate treatment anymore.
- ✓ There can be some rodenticides, especially those in the Bromethalin class, that require intensive supportive care shortly after ingestion.

If you think that your pet has eaten a rodenticide contact your veterinarian or animal poison control hotline as soon as possible. Make sure that you have the package that the rodenticide came in so you are able to let your veterinarian know exactly what the active ingredient is. If you do not have the package go back to where you bought the product from and purchase another package of the product.

If you have any questions about rodenticides please feel free to call Cedar Grove Veterinary Services at (920) 668-6212 or email us at info@cgvet.com. If you feel that your pet has eaten a rodenticide contact your veterinarian right away or call the animal poison control hotline at 1-888- 426-4435. Please note that there is a \$65.00 consultation fee per call, however if you have a current Home again microchip membership you can give them your pets microchip number and they will waive the consultation fee.

