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Rodenticide Poisoning

Rodenticide (rat bait) can be easily digested by dogs or cats whether by direct contact with the poison or by eating a rodent that has died from the poison. Most of these poisons are available over the counter and are



shaped like bright green pellets making them look like tasty kibble. Some rodenticides are known anticoagulants, preventing blood from clotting in the body. It also interferes with vitamin K activity, which is required for blood to clot normally. Dogs or cats that have eaten rat bait show signs of bruising, lethargy, can have nose bleeds, and or have pale gums. These signs can take several days to develop.

If your pet has ingested rat bait, it is important to get treatment started right away to ensure that the prognosis is good. Often times, owners do not know that their pet has eaten poison until their pet begins acting sick, therefore hospitalization may be necessary.

So remember to keep all poisons away from your pets!

If your pet has ingested rat bait, please call our hospital right away.

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