

Better Rodent Control

The key to effective rodent control is understanding. Below are answers to some common questions that will help in achieving better rodent control.

What factors can affect bait uptake?

There are a variety of reasons that could cause a reluctance to accept bait. It is important to ensure that prior to baiting all alternative feed sources are removed for faster uptake. If a rodent is used to feeding on particular foodstuffs in their environment it is likely they will continue to prefer this over a newly introduced bait. It is also important to avoid bait contamination by always wearing gloves when placing bait. Where there are competing foodstuffs that cannot be removed, Ratshot Paste is the perfect choice for baiting. Ratshot Paste is scientifically formulated with food grade ingredients making it irresistible to rats and mice.

Another barrier to uptake is that rats, to ensure survival, habitually avoid new and unfamiliar objects in their environment, this fear or dislike of anything new is known as Neophobia. Due to this it can take up to a couple of weeks for rats to accept bait in their environment before feeding on it.

Why use traps?

Trapping offers a number of benefits in conjunction with baits or where baits cannot be used. Traps provide a non-toxic alternative to baiting and with correct placement can be very effective in controlling alpha rats who may choose to avoid bait. Victor traps are made from quality components and harness over 100 years of expertise in trapping and rodent behaviour.

Why should bait stations be used?

Bait stations protect your family members, pets and non-target animals from primary poisoning by preventing access to the bait placed for rats and mice. In addition to the safety benefits of bait stations they also provide an effective tool to monitor location uptake and assess requirements to ensure under baiting is avoided. Bait stations provide a familiar feeding spot for rodents which will increase bait uptake. iO Ratshot Locked Bait Stations are a compact lockable bait station that meet international safety and quality assurance standards.

How long after consuming a lethal dose of Ratshot will the rodents die?

Typically, rodents will consume a lethal dose of Ratshot within a single feed, however, like all anticoagulant baits on the market, death of the rodent will not occur immediately. Rodents will usually succumb to poisoning 4-7 days after consuming Ratshot Red RapidKill, Final Kill Paste, One Shot Pellets and Quickshot Grain Bait and 4 – 10 days after the consumption of a lethal dose of Ratshot Blue Blocks, Paste and Grain Bait.

What is the difference between primary poisoning and secondary poisoning and how can they be prevented?

Primary poisoning occurs when a non-target animal, such as a dog, directly eats the rodenticide. Secondary poisoning occurs when a non-target animal consumes a dead rodent that has been poisoned by rodenticide. The best way to prevent primary poisoning is to always use iO Ratshot Locked Bait Stations and select a rodenticide that is less toxic to non-targets, such as Ratshot Blue. Secondary poisoning can be avoided by always cleaning up baited rodents, additionally the use of Ratshot Blue significantly decreases the risk of secondary poisoning in most non-targets.

Freezone fully backs and supports the iO Ratshot range, if you have any rodent control enquiries please call Freezone on (07) 3869 4436.