

Rodenticide

There are several different types of Rodenticide (Rat Poison) on the market. The classic form interferes with clotting factors in the blood making it difficult for an animal to clot their blood (anti-coagulant). This can lead to internal bleeding, bruising, difficulty breathing or coughing due to bleeding into the lungs, neurologic signs such as seizures, and even death if not treated. Once an animal is suspected of having ingested rodenticide, depending on when it could have eaten it, treatments can include inducing vomiting, administration of activated charcoal, performing blood work to evaluate clotting times and the red blood cell count, radiographs to evaluate the lungs, administration of either plasma or whole blood transfusions, and hospitalization for IV fluid therapy and monitoring.

There are also a rodenticides on the market which cause Vitamin-D toxicity leading to permanent kidney damage as well as one that causes brain swelling, comas, seizures, and death. It is extremely important that your pet be treated immediately to prevent life-threatening disease.