



Cholecalciferol (Decal)

Possum control in your area

We will be using Cholecalciferol (Decal) baits to kill possums in your area. This is part of the national effort to eliminate the disease tuberculosis (Tb) from livestock.

WARNING!

- Do not touch the baits

Decal baiting

Decal is Vitamin D3 which occurs in some foods. At high doses, elevated blood calcium levels cause death. Possums are very sensitive to this poison and die in 4 to 7 days. Decal baits are green and available for sale to the public.



Decal pellets are placed in bait stations set about 50-150m apart, away from stock. Bait stations are usually pre-fed with feed pellets or brodifacoum.



Pelifeeder bait station.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENTAL POISONING DIAL 111

Risk profile

Humans	Moderate	Do not touch baits, keep children away.
Dogs	Moderate	Do not allow dogs to access bait.
Cats	Moderate	Do not allow cats to access bait.
Livestock	Low	Do not allow livestock to access bait.
Feral Game	Low	Do not take game from the poison area.
Environment	Low	Native species are unlikely to be poisoned. Decal is biodegradable.

Effects of Decal

Humans – In case of suspected poisoning dial 111 for an ambulance immediately. Symptoms of Decal poisoning start after about 24 hours, with loss of appetite, weakness, nausea, vomiting, increased thirst and tendency to urinate.

Even small amounts of this toxin can affect health. Keep children away and do not interfere with the baits.

Dogs and cats – dogs and cats can be killed if they eat baits directly, so make sure they do not have access to baits. Should you suspect a dog or cat has eaten Decal bait, induce vomiting using an emetic, such as washing soda (sodium carbonate) immediately, and get it to the vet. Secondary poisoning from eating carcasses is unlikely.

Livestock and feral game – If you believe livestock have been exposed to bait, you must notify Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Environment – Decal is biodegradable, and because it is only used in bait stations, native species are unlikely to be poisoned.

Benefits of possum control

Disease control – Possums transmit Tb to livestock. Effective possum control will allow us to manage this disease and protect access to international markets for meat and dairy products.

Environment - Possums destroy native forest, and compete with native species for food on a grand scale. They also eat adult native birds, their eggs and their chicks, native snails and insects and even juvenile native bats! Populations of many native species such as tui and wood pigeon (kereru) flourish after possum control.

WARNING! POISON

baits coloured _____
and containing the toxin _____
have been laid for _____ in this area.
Laid by: BioWorks, GWRC Date: _____

BAITS AND BAIT RESIDUES MAY CAUSE ILL HEALTH OR DEATH
IN CASES OF SUSPECTED HUMAN POISONING DIAL 111 OR CALL THE NATIONAL POISON CENTRE 0800 754 756

For additional information contact:
greater WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
0800 754 756
www.govt.nz

Take note

All areas where poison is laid are clearly marked with **WARNING** signs.

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MORE INFORMATION
The Tb issue
Benefits of possum control
Safety Data Sheet
Product Label
Pesticides Manual

www.ahb.org.nz
www.doc.govt.nz/templates/MultipageDocumentPage.aspx?id=39920
www.pestoff.co.nz / click on Safety Data Sheet
www.pestoff.co.nz / click on Products
www.doc.govt.nz/upload/documents/science-and-technical/docts23.pdf

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