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Agoura Hills Takes a Stand Against Rodenticides and Glue Traps

A City Committed to Protecting People, Pets, and Wildlife

AGOURA HILLS, Calif. -- On April 9, 2025, the Mayor and City Council of Agoura Hills moved forward with protecting people, pets, and wildlife by adopting a new resolution that includes rodenticides and glue traps. Resolution No. 14-1742, initially adopted in 2014, opposed the sale, purchase, and use of anticoagulant rodenticides within the city. Following this, California imposed a moratorium on first and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides with certain exceptions. Despite the moratorium, dangerous non-anticoagulant poisons such as cholecalciferol, bromethalin, and strychnine remain available for consumer purchase and professional use. These poisons lack known antidotes.

The new resolution, No.25-2097, spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Wolf and the Environmental Responsibility Subcommittee, opposes the sale, purchase, and use of all rodenticides and glue traps in Agoura Hills. Glue traps were added to the resolution due to their inhumane nature, as they cause great suffering to trapped animals and birds. Cities such as Ojai and West Hollywood have banned glue traps, as have countries like England, Iceland, Ireland, and New Zealand.

Sherry Ferber, a long-time wildlife advocate and Liberty Canyon resident, and Carolyn Trocino, Director of Poison Free Agoura, cofounder of Cities Against Rodent Poisons, and member of the Old Agoura Homeowners board, brought the issue of glue traps to the council's attention last year, seeking a ban in Agoura Hills.

Although a resolution is not a ban, it is an official statement expressing the city's position to protect people, pets, and wildlife from rodenticides and glue traps.

This month, Poison Free Agoura will assist the City of Agoura Hills by sending letters from Mayor Sylvester and educational materials to over 800 businesses, ensuring widespread education about this critical initiative.

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