### WHO WE ARE:

## Vision

To live in a city where children, domestic pets, and urban wildlife are safe from the danger of rodent poisons.

### **Mission**

To provide education to members of our community and help them identify safe alternatives to rodent poisons.

## Our Team

We are a team of dedicated Agoura Hills residents who are passionate about people, pets, and urban wildlife.

## The Poison Free Motto

See **RED** instead of using rat poisons!

Repel Exclude Deter rodents.





## WHAT WE OFFER

#### **Our Services**

- ⇒ Education about alternatives to rodent poisons via discussion groups, our quarterly newsletter, community events, and social media
- ⇒ Presentations designed for homeowner groups
- ⇒ Postcards designed for customers of area businesses

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Our Mantra: We're for People, Pets, and Pumas!

Poison Free Agoura is a project under Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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**Poison Free Agoura** 

## **PROTECT**



your children

your pets





and our wildlife



#### BECOMES YOUR NEIGHBOR'S PROBLEM

- ⇒ Poisoned rats do not die in bait boxes
- ⇒ Rats can remove poisons from the bait boxes

#### SASHA'S STORY



"Our beloved pet Sasha was killed by rodent poison. After she became ill and regurgitated a turquoise substance, we discovered that she

had ingested poisonous rodent bait that had been carried by an animal from a neighbor's yard into ours. Poisons do not stay in one place. They get carried around and are a threat to our children, pets, and wildlife."

- Sally Bartel, Liberty Canyon resident

#### **CHECKLIST**

### Keep out unwanted guests

- $\Rightarrow$  Seal up your home
- ⇒ Trim fruit trees and clean up fallen fruit
- ⇒ Clean up garbage areas and do not overfill the bins on trash day
- ⇒ Clean up spilled food from bird feeders and place trays under the feeders
- ⇒ Use alternative traps inside your home (zap traps, snap traps, or live traps)
- $\Rightarrow$  Use rodent sealed composting bins
- $\Rightarrow$  **NEVER** use glue traps

#### **Helpful Links:**

Poison Free Agoura: PoisonFreeAgoura.com

Poison Free Malibu: PoisonFreeMalibu.org

California Wildlife Center: CAwildlife.org

**SAMO Nature Neighbor:** NPS.gov/samo/learn/management/nature-neighbor-project.htm

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ Rat Poisons endanger 10,000 children every year in the United States
- ⇒ 92% of bobcats, 83% of coyotes, and 94% of the mountain lions studied were exposed to anticoagulant poisons

#### Sources:



Scientific American, National Poison Data Systems, National Park Service, UCLA, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

#### TYPES OF POISONS

Second-generation and first-generation rodenticides are the **most dangerous** rat poisons.

# **Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARS)**

- ⇒ Brodifacoum
- ⇒ Difethialone
- ⇒ Difenacoum
- ⇒ Bromadiolone

# **First-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (FGARS)**

- $\Rightarrow$  Diphacinone
- ⇒ Clorophacinone
- ⇒ Warfarin

#### Other dangerous rodent poisons

- ⇒ Zinc Phosphide
- ⇒ Bromethalin (no antidote)
- ⇒ Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3—no antidote)

## **Poison Hotline Numbers:**

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center:

888.426.4435

**Poison Hotline (Pet):** 

855.764.7661

**Poison Hotline (People):** 

800.222.1222