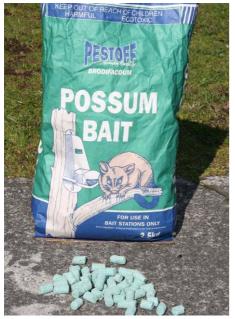


## **Pest Off Brodifacoum Possum Bait**

Instructions for use

PEST ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Number 15



Brodifacoum possum bait



Poison warning sign



An approved bait station 30 cm above the ground

## **USE OF PEST OFF BRODIFACOUM POSSUM BAIT**

- Read the product label before using the bait.
- Before setting bait, erect approved signs (see photo) at the property's main access points, warning that Pest Off Brofidacoum possum bait has been applied.
- Only use bait in approved bait stations. This makes the poison bait less accessible to children, most birds, stock and pets. It also helps keep the bait dry.
- Fix bait stations to fence posts 30 cm above the ground. This is the optimum feeding height for possums.
- Use only in areas that are free of stock, fenced off and stock-proof.
- Possums need to feed several times on the bait to get the lethal dose.
   Possums will eat more than the lethal dose if feed is available but they will not die any faster. Therefore the pulse baiting cycle (see below) is the most cost-effective method to use.
- Pulse baiting cycle Set the bait stations about 50 to 100 metres apart
  with ample bait for the first few days. Refill the bait stations after 14 days
  and repeat this cycle until the baits are not being taken.
- Bait stations should be refilled from time to time to check if new possums have arrived in the area. If baits are taken, repeat the pulse baiting cycle.
- Dead possums or other feral animals that may have consumed Brodifacoum should not be fed to humans, dogs or other pets.
   Brodifacoum is a second-generation anticoagulant poison which can accumulate in the liver, kidneys and fat tissue.
- Dogs or other pets which scavenge poisoned animals should immediately be taken to a vet for treatment with Vitamin K, which is an effective antidote.
- Before letting stock back into treated areas, remove all bait from bait stations – including those that are high in trees or otherwise out of reach.

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