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Adam thanks to add this to the file in advance of the meeting.

It doesn't work -- we know it.

The system is failing when public, private and institutional use of rodenticide poisons are still bringing down animals like puma P-22 -- a creature known, in the news, possibly revered.

How is it that poison is still being used, is still allowed to be used when the statistics argue so vehemently against it?

Reproduction, resistance -- life itself -- all are threatened by the use of any rodenticides --as is quoted in the article at urbancarnivores.com.

Poison is 'an indiscriminate, prevalent killer' -- of course we all know that.

Don't we?

Gophers, rabbits, ground squirrels, wood rats, all are and have been a part of our communities for countless decades. They are a part of a food chain; there is NO outbreak that justifies the use of *any* anticoagulants *anywhere*, when TRASH CONTAINMENT, HYGIENE, AND SIMPLE TRAPS have been shown time and again to have the same efficacy without exposing innumerable natural predators to a terrible death by internal hemorrhage. We are wiping out entire populations.

Without a second thought we do this, we allow companies to do this for us -- we eradicate owls, hawks, vultures, coyotes, pumas, eagles, and cats and dogs -- for the sake of a few dozen rats..

It has to stop.

In 2002, 70% of mammals sampled statewide had poison in them -- 92% of So. Cal. bobcats, nearly 100% of all owls and that is only those that were *sampled*....because they had died.

When we are down to the last hawk, the last puma -- will it finally be enough?

Stop the madness, before there is nothing left to save.

Before there is nothing left for our children to see of wilderness -- except behind the bars of a cage.

Stop the madness now.

Respectfully

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