

RIDAK – AN ANTI-COAGULANT RODENTICIDE THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH OWLS[®]

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RIDAK RANGE OF PRODUCTS



Difenacoum is the active ingredient of the Ridak™ range of rodenticides. Ridak™ Bait Block (Registration number L8641, Act No. 36 of 1947, difenacoum 0.05 g/kg), Ridak™ Gold (Registration number L8809, Act No. 36 of 1947, difenacoum 0.05 g/kg) and Ridak™ Paste (Registration number L8642, Act No. 36 of 1947, difenacoum 0.05 g/kg). All products are registered to BASF South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

TOXICOLOGY AND POISONING

Difenacoum is a potent mammal toxin with LD₅₀ = 0.8 mg/kg but it is much less toxic to birds (LD₅₀ = 50 mg/kg). It is therefore very effective against rodents. The Ridak™ rodenticides that are offered are multi feed formulations that necessitate a number of successive ingestions before the difenacoum takes effects and kills the target organism. Due to the special formulation of Ridak™ Gold a rodent is likely to ingest sufficient bait to kill it in a short period of time.

Owls that may predate on rodents that have consumed Ridak™ rodenticides, are at less of a risk of secondary poisoning than when predated on rodents that have ingested single feed anti-coagulants. The active ingredient is also largely metabolised in the target animal's intestines hence also lowering the risk of secondary poisoning to owls. Mammals are, however, at risk of secondary poisoning should they consume dead or dying rodent over a few days.

The Griffon Poison Information Centre endorses RIDAK™ as an effective rodenticide that reduces the risk of secondary poisoning to owls and other raptors due its multi feed properties



Ridak™ Bait Block and Ridak™ Paste are registered for the control of gerbils



**CRITICALLY IMPORTANT SAFETY MEASURES WHEN USING RIDAK™
RODENTICIDES IN HOMES, INDUSTRIAL SITES, HOSPITALITY
PREMISES AND AGRICULTURE**

- ❖ **Apply all the RIDAK™ RODENTICIDES only in bait stations irrespective of whether it is indoors or outdoors in locations where non-target animals will not be able to gain access to the rodenticides.**
- ❖ **Check bait stations daily and recover any spilt bait and dispose of it. Any left over baits that have not been consumed must also be recovered and disposed of.**
- ❖ **After the second day of application it is likely that rodents will start expiring. Check the premises, collect any dead or dying rodents and dispose of them. This is best done early in the morning.**
- ❖ **Avoid the application of Ridak Paste™ where dogs are roaming around. Paste digests rapidly and liberates the difenacoum immediately upon which it will start affecting the dogs. Rather use Ridak™ Bait Blocks as the wax does not digest as easily as paste and therefore the chances of primary poisoning are reduced.**
- ❖ **Animals that accidentally ingest Ridak or rodents that have eaten Ridak must be examined by a veterinarian without delay for symptoms of anti-coagulant poisoning and treatment with Vitamin K1.**

WARNING!!

**APPLY RIDAK™ STRICTLY ACCORDING TO THE LABEL
INSTRUCTIONS, ESPECIALLY AS IT DICTATES THE USE OF BAIT
STATIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN SEVERE PENALTIES
ACCORDING TO ACT NO. 36 OF 1947**

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