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Permanent baiting indoor guidance relaxed

The guidance on permanent baiting issued by the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) in September 2018 has been changed. Where indoor permanent baiting has proved necessary, the frequency of inspections is now down to the pest professionals' expertise. Previously, as with outdoor permanent baiting, inspections had to take place at intervals of at least four weeks.

The new guidance document, dated July 2019 can be downloaded from the CRRU website and the **Pest** Library. It now clearly distinguishes between the indoor and outdoor use of permanent baiting. This is a great step forward and one which should be welcomed by pest professionals, as it takes on board the very real differences in risk to wildlife from outdoor and indoor infestations.

The update for indoor locations only specifies that the frequency of routine inspections and re-visits when target pest presence is indicated are a matter for the pest control technician in charge of the control programme. This update comes about in response to feedback from professional pest controllers at a British Pest Control Association (BPCA) forum.

Unchanged, is that permanent bait points outdoors continue to require re-inspection at least every four weeks. Professional rodenticide users are also reminded that permanent baiting in any location is permitted only using products with labels specifically stating such use is allowed.

The new document contains a completely new section explaining indoor permanent baiting and why the risks are lower. This includes:

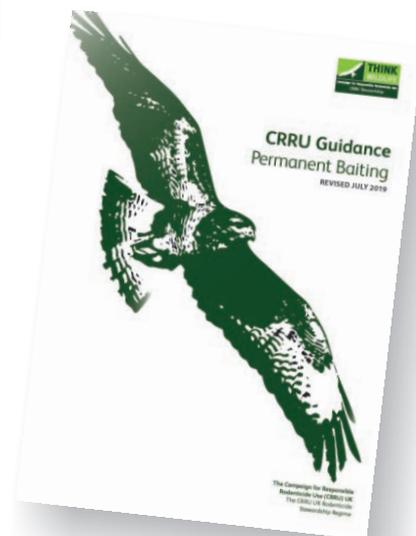
- Indoor permanent baiting is generally used to combat house mice with bait stations designed to only allow entry to

animals that are the same size, or smaller than a mouse;

- Few non-target animals can gain access to the bait;
- Only small quantities of rodenticide are used;
- Non-target animals are usually virtually absent from indoor baited areas;
- The risks to human and animal health from indoor infestations are greater making the risk:benefit calculation more likely to be in favour of permanent baiting;
- Similarly the commercial risks from a breach of quality assurance standards are higher if the rodents are found inside premises than if they are discovered outdoors.

It also points out that for many house mouse infestations, in both domestic and commercial premises, it is impossible to present bait to the entire infestation. This means the potential for reinvansion is high, for example where an infestation is common to several properties with access through communal loft spaces and/or wall/floor/ceiling voids. In such cases a permanent baiting regime is essential.

In such circumstances pest professionals will need to visit the site frequently at first to establish the size of the problem and adjust the bait points accordingly. The frequency of



follow-up visits however will depend on the particular circumstances of the infestation and for this reason it is now down to the pest professional in charge to decide when these will be required, taking account of the risks identified in the site survey. When signs of activity are found in permanent bait boxes, the pest management programme will need to be adjusted to deal with the problem and this is likely to then require more frequent visits.

For both indoor and outdoor situations, CRRU chairman, Dr Alan Buckle, emphasises that the fundamental requirement remains that the professional rodenticide user responsible for the site must have identified and documented 'a high potential for reinvansion where other methods are insufficient' before choosing to introduce permanent baiting. Permanent baiting should not be used as a routine practice.

It's good to see that those involved in the management of the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) are open to ideas from others in the industry and prepared to take action when best practice guidance needs to be changed.

Everyone involved in CRRU is from our industry and, contrary to the belief of some, CRRU's objective is not to make life as difficult as possible for those at the sharp end of pest management.

Jersey to adopt UK stewardship regime

The Government of Jersey is introducing rodenticide stewardship covering the sale and use of professional rodenticides, modelled on the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) UK's regime. Jersey's Growth, Housing & Environment department has announced that stewardship point-of-sale competence checks will be introduced from 18 July 2020, with CRRU assisting in the preparations required.

The professional use rodenticides on sale in Jersey are supplied from the UK and already have the appropriate HSE and stewardship labelling. In common with UK, the Jersey authorities are vigilant to prevent non-UK, and therefore non-stewardship, products being sold on the island.

