

Rodent Control Without Anticoagulant Rodenticides (AR's): Safer Alternatives for Wildlife and Pets



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SAVE LINCOLN WILDLIFE

- Lincoln residents committed to protecting our beautiful wildlife
- Formed in 2024 in conjunction with Mass Audubon's "Rescue Raptors" campaign
- Advocating for state legislation to phase out the use of AR's
- Local goal is to educate homeowners/businesses/landlords about alternatives to AR's
- 2026 Citizen's Home Rule petition to ban AR use in Lincoln- to be voted at Town Meeting on March 28th 2026



Milestones and Successes

- Fall 2024: Municipal officials confirmed that no AR's are used on municipal property.
- Winter 2024/2025: A town-wide survey identified locations using bait boxes on educational, commercial, and multi-family properties.
- Spring 2025: Co-hosted a Save MetroWest Rescue Raptor event with over 80 attendees from Lincoln, Concord, Sudbury, Weston, and Waltham.
- 2025: Tabling at both town meeting and SOTT and the transfer station

- Spring 2025: Donelan's switched from using AR's to safer products

- Fall 2025: Launch an educational campaign for town residents, businesses, and property owners in collaboration with the Lincoln Board of Health.

- Fall 2025 Lincoln Woods switched from AR's to safer product (Rat X)



Citizen Petition to Ban Anticoagulant Rodenticides in Lincoln, MA

To determine whether the Town will authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation substantially in the form below:

That notwithstanding chapter 132B of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Lincoln may by ordinance prohibit the application of anticoagulant rodenticides within the Town of Lincoln, including application of such pesticides by licensed commercial applicators as defined in C.M.R. 333 10.00. except as allowed by the Board of Health to remediate a public health condition; this act shall take effect upon its passage.



Article X: Ban ARs

Banning Anticoagulant Rodenticide Poisons in Lincoln



AR poisons threaten wildlife, pets, and human health. Together, we can create a safer environment for all residents—both human and animal.





What are Anticoagulant Rodenticides?

- Class of rodent poisons that kill by preventing blood clotting
- Banned for retail sale due to dangers to pets, children and wildlife
- Not used by the Town of Lincoln
- Widely used by licensed professionals in MA
- Still available online





What are Anticoagulant Rodenticides?

Common ARs include:

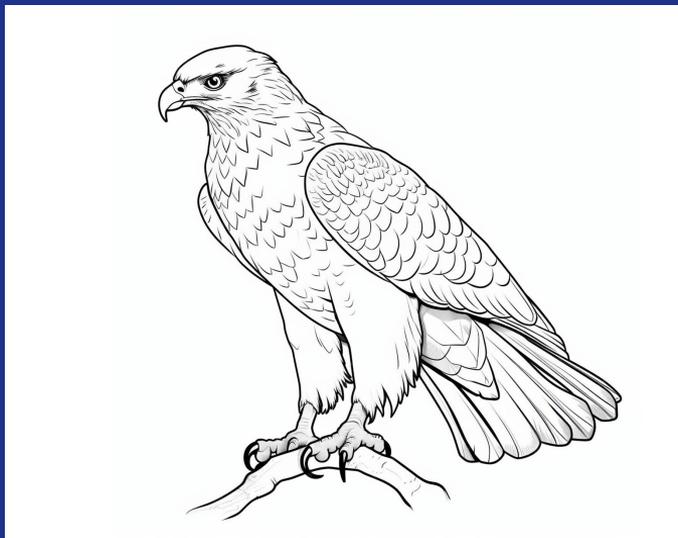
- Brodifacoum (Brand names Mouser, Ratak, Talon)
- Bromadiolone (Brand names Maki Mini Blok, Contrac)
- Difenacoum (Di-Kill)
- Difethialone (First Strike, Hombre)
- Warfarin
- Chlorpophacinone





Town meeting: Ban
ARs

The Problem: Bioaccumulation



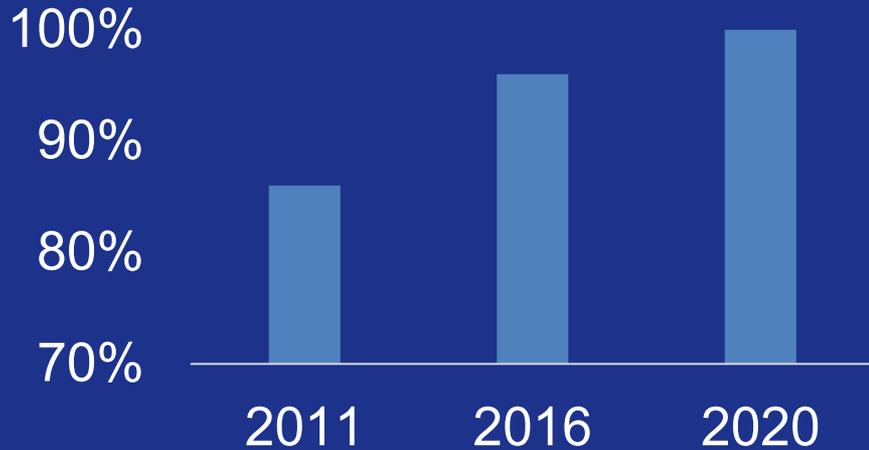
As the predator eats poisoned animals, the toxins accumulate in its body until it succumbs.





Scope of the Problem

Percentage of birds of prey that tested positive for SGARs



- 98% of Fishers
- Dozens of dogs & cats
- approx. 100 children under age 6 poisoned from 2021-2023

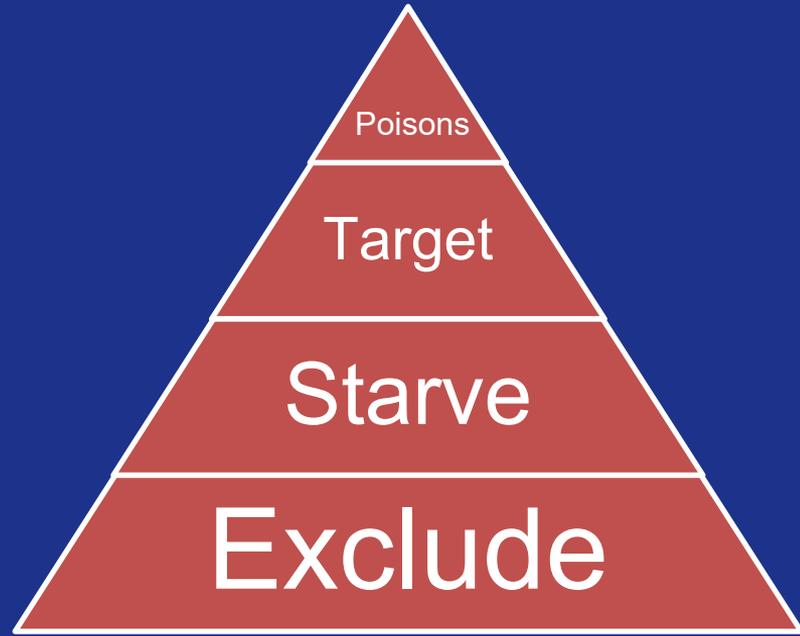




Humane and More Effective Alternative

Non-AR Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan

Modify the environment to make it less attractive to rodents





Starve

- Store food in rodent-proof containers
- Use closed composters
- Securely cover garbage cans & dumpsters



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Starve – Bird Feeders

- Stop feeding in the summers
- Take them in at night
- Catch the seeds
- Buy unshelled seed
- Only feed nectar with ant traps





Target

- Raptors!
- Snap traps
- Rodent contraceptives
- Non-AR baits as last resort and SHORT TERM! (RatX or vitamin D)



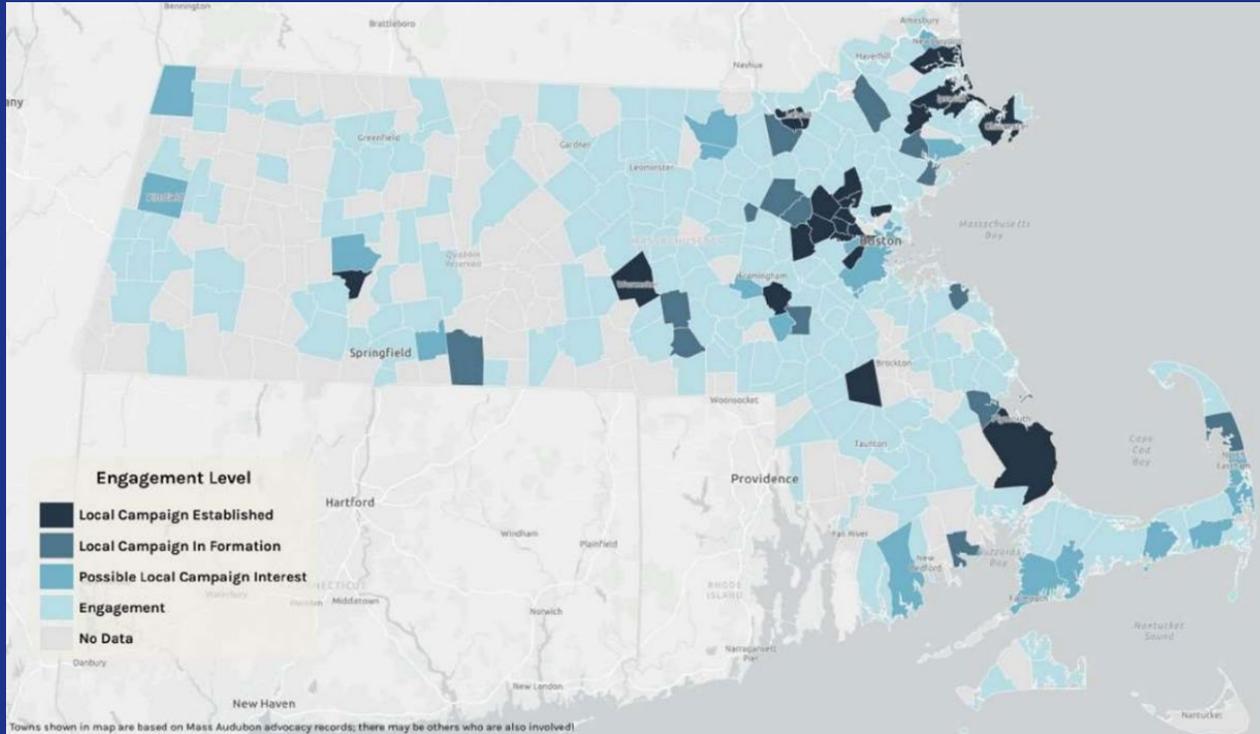
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Statewide Initiative





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Support

- Save Lincoln Wildlife
- Mass Audubon.
- Rick Kelly –owner of Banner Pest Control
- Conservation Commission



Want to learn more?



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bannerpest.com