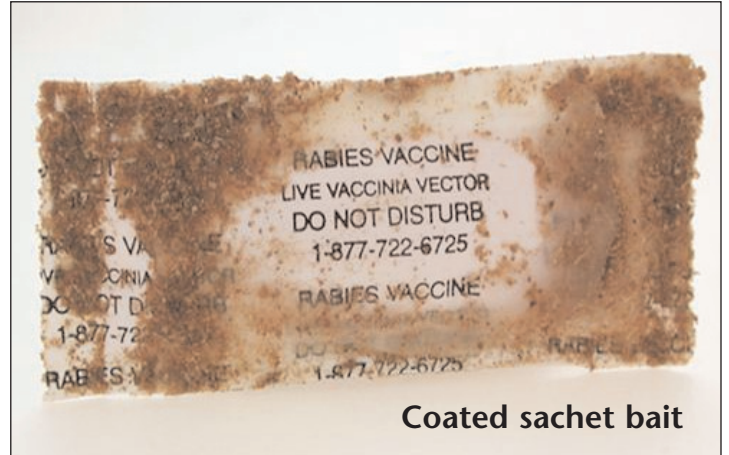


NOTICE

ORAL RABIES VACCINATION AREA



Fishmeal polymer bait



Coated sachet bait

Since 1997, Ohio has been distributing a vaccine that orally vaccinates wild raccoons against rabies. A fishmeal coated vaccine packet is dropped from low flying aircraft. Local teams on foot or in vehicles distribute the same vaccine enclosed in a fishmeal block.

This year's operation will start:

August 5, 2004

What if I find rabies bait?

Baits should be left alone—but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged, and disposed in the trash.

- Wear gloves or use a paper towel when picking up the bait.
- Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch or other raccoon habitat area.
- Wash your hands after any skin contact with damaged bait.

What if my pet eats the bait?

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- If your pet ate baits, avoid your pet's saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

Questions about ORV or bait you have found?

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