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Rodenticides are not good for lions, or other living things *spcaLA supports efforts to ban poisons to control rodents*

Los Angeles, CA –Los Angeles’ majestic mountain lion, known as P-22, is suffering from mange, linked to his exposure to rat poison, as reported by *The Los Angeles Times* on Wednesday.

P-22’s illness is the most recent, and public, chapter in a decades-long saga of local wildlife ingesting rodenticides with ill effects, from illness to internal bleeding deaths. P-22 is believed to have been affected not by directly eating poison, but after having had eaten a poisoned rat or other wildlife.

“Rodenticide does not discriminate. It slowly kills or sickens those who ingest it, whether it is a rat, a mountain lion, or your family dog,” said spcaLA President, Madeline Bernstein. “The continued use of rodenticide for rodent control is arcane and unnecessary.”

spcaLA supports efforts to ban consumer sales of rodenticide, and encourages supporters to contact their local elected officials to support banning rodenticide and encouraging natural rodent controls.

Since 1877, spcaLA has been the premiere independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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