

Snail Bait Toxicity



Snail bait is highly toxic to dogs and requires immediate veterinary attention when it has been ingested regardless if symptoms are present or not.

There are two main types of Snail Bait and they come in either Green Pellets (Metaldehyde) and Blue pellets (Methiocarb) each type affecting the body differently.

Metaldehyde (Defender) affects neurotransmitters and Methiocarb (Baysol) causes stimulus of the muscles.

It is extremely important to know which product your pet has eaten and if possible, bring the packaging into the clinic when you arrive.

Snail bait symptoms start to become present usually around 15 - 60 mins after ingestion. However, some symptoms have been known to be delayed by up to 3 hours depending on the type of pesticide.

Snail Bait toxicity symptoms include:

- ~ muscle spasms
- ~ twitching
- ~ tremors
- ~ convulsions
- ~ excessive salivation
- ~ moist breath sounds
- ~ wobbly legs
- ~ uncoordinated movements
- ~ diarrhoea
- ~ constricted pupils
- ~ dribbling urine
- ~ collapse
- ~ loss of consciousness
- ~ difficulty breathing
- ~ death

Regardless of how much or how little your dog has ingested or if you just think that your dog has eaten Snail Bait, you need to bring your dog to the Vet ASAP for the best possible chance of recovery! Bringing the packaging of the Snail Bait with you is extremely helpful also.