



## **ANDREW MASKERY ASSOCIATES**

# Animal Health & Agricultural Supplies

**Rodent Control** – with changes in regulations affecting 'in-field' use of rodenticides, we asked leading British manufacturer, PelGar International, for an update on the facts for farmers



**Debbie and Andrew Maskery** 

We set up Andrew Maskery Associates in 1999 to support local farmers with an expert and trustworthy local service. Through our excellent relationships with leading manufacturers, we stock over 1000 products from over 40 top brand suppliers and bring these to you at the right prices, regardless of the size of your farming business. We deliver personally to any East Anglian door for free, and our friendly advice - and your next order - is only a phone call away.

#### Putting a face to the name

Zoe Martin has been a cheery voice on our phones, broad smile at our Trade Counter and a real gem since joining AMA two years ago. "I really enjoy helping all our wonderful farming customers, liaising with our suppliers and building on my product knowledge," says Zoe. "My recent success in gaining my full R. SQP Certification also means that I can now

prescribe animal medicines." Fantastic news!



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PelGar International spends time and money searching for the best products and partners. Great products are one thing, but understanding how to get the most from them is another, and it's really important to be up-to-date with the latest regulations and baiting advice.

#### New limits on outdoor use

All rodenticides are being re-registered under the European system, bringing inherent changes. Farmers need to be aware that 'in-field' use of rodenticides is no longer permitted: outdoor use must be restricted to 'around buildings', i.e. within the vicinity of a building required to deal with an infestation.



The labels also state that frequent visits to the bait points during the first 10-14 days are now a requirement. This ensures that bait is topped up and that dead rodents are found and collected in order to reduce any threat of secondary poisoning to non-target animals such as birds and dogs.

#### Work with your pest controller

Many pest control contracts may be in breach of regulations, if visit frequency is every 4-6 weeks. Now is the time to make a change and although unfeasible or too costly to insist on visits from your pest controller every week, it's worth working with them to stick within the regulations and eradicate infestations. Ideally, bait should be placed every 2-3 days, but in some situations bait points will be

**PelGar**International

cleared in just one night's feeding. Ask your pest controller to show you the bait points and leave you some product or give you the product details, so you can have the bait available and keep them topped up.

#### Pick your products carefully

Choosing the right product for the job is all important as each active ingredient has its own unique toxicity profile. Difenacoum and bromadiolone (Roban and Rodex) can be used both indoors and out. These deliver a lethal dose to rats in less than one third of their normal daily feeding, (though bromadiolone does have a slight edge). Difenacoum is on average five times less toxic to nontarget animals and is also considerably more effective against mice.

It's a good idea to match the bait to the pest's current food source, eg. whole wheat bait if rodents are feeding on stored grain. If bait take is low, then try something more 'appealing' like a high calorie pasta bait.

#### Don't forget to dispose of dead vermin responsibly

To comply with Environment Agency regulations, bodies of vermin poisoned by routine baiting should be disposed of appropriately and without delay. This includes burying on farmland by farmers, gamekeepers or pest control operatives according to set guidelines.

For more advice or to purchase PelGar baits, contact the team at Andrew Maskery Associates. You may also find PelGar's video guide to successful rodent control useful, available through YouTube.





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during the tupping period - and *Ram Boost* lick which promotes growth, condition and performance in rams and ram lambs.

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