



Rodent Control Course (Feb 2016)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have announced that new rules on purchase and use of rodenticide bait. These changes will come into force from June 16 2016. Anybody wishing to purchase bait will need to be certified in rodent pest control.

Pearce Health & Nutrition are offering a range of courses. Rodents present a significant risk to human health; animal health and welfare; food hygiene; structural integrity and general safety.

The diseases and parasites that both rats and mice harbour are transmissible to humans, companion animals and farm livestock.

The impact on food and feedstuffs that rodents consume and spoil is often misunderstood and certainly under-estimated within livestock and wider farming environments.

As a result, rodents must be controlled on economic, health & safety and social grounds.

Whilst every effort can be made to exclude rodents from buildings their intelligence, persistence, gnawing capacity and small size means that incursion is inevitable. Action must be taken to control, reduce and, where feasible, eliminate rodent populations and minimise the associated risk posed.

Changes around product application (label) are being implemented and 'traditional usage' attitudes need to be adapted into developing best practice considerations. Especially considering the continual and persistent use of anti-coagulant baits (often as monitors); impact on wildlife; monitoring and evidence of pest and non-target and assurance due-diligence.

This course will focus on the specific needs, risks and control options that are required when dealing with rats and mice in areas where livestock are also present. It has been designed and constructed to fulfil the syllabus as attached and looks to include industry best practice, label use requirements, UK CRRU code and a focus on Second Generation Anticoagulants Rodenticides (SGARs) continued use.

Rodent Control on Farms:

Target Pest

Reasons for controlling rodents in Livestock units:

Biology; Behaviour and Signs of Activity

Wildlife aware and Environmental Impact

Monitoring and rodent management strategies

Considering rodent control options – Control risk hierarchy

Developing an Integrated Rodent Strategy

Safe storage, transport and managing waste/disposal, Record Keeping and Due Diligence

Pearce Health & Nutrition are delighted to offer the following dates for the Rodent Control Course:

Course dates

24th February – 9am – 4:30pm

Maximum of 20 places

Cost per person: £140 + VAT

(We recommend this course for new or untrained candidates)

25th February – Morning session 9am – 1pm

or

- Afternoon session 2pm – 6pm

Maximum of 10 per session

Cost per person: £75 + VAT

(We recommend this course for trained and more experienced candidates)

What it includes – Refreshments and Lunch + Lantra fee + Certification

The course will be held at Pearce Seeds, Rosedown Farm, Marston Road, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 4SX, 01935 811400

Please register with Cindy Hallett

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RSVP - 19th February 16

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