

# Rabbit Control with Pest Go

## Information Sheet

Pindone for Rabbits are the effective, first-generation pellets that have been used very successfully to control rabbits in New Zealand.

A safer, more humane option that is less hazardous to non-target species, Pindone is the only rabbit bait deemed safe enough to be available to the general public. Pindone's real advantage is that it is slow acting and needs to be consumed over several days to be effective. In other words, it takes multiple feeds to kill a rabbit, yet if a pet, child, native bird or animal accidentally ingests it, they are less like to be harmed.

Pindone helps stop rabbits breeding like. Rabbits are New Zealand's second biggest vertebrate pest problem, after possums. A rabbit's sexual maturity is reached at around three or four months of age and under ideal conditions, rabbits are capable of breeding all year round, although the main breeding season is from spring to early summer. So, a very small rabbit problem can soon become a very big rabbit problem. There's a reason for the saying 'breed like rabbits'!

Suitable in any environment, in any season. Pindone can be used on pastoral land, providing stock are removed and kept off for a minimum of one month. It is also suitable for use around urban and semi urban areas, in market gardens, horticulture blocks, lifestyle blocks, plant nurseries, golf courses, parks, beach areas and riverbanks. Pindone can be used at any time of year, although don't lay bait if heavy rain is expected within a day.

### How to use Pindone for Rabbits.

1. Remove all domestic stock from the area being treated.
2. Locate all signs of rabbits. This is critical, as the placement of bait is vital to the success of the operation.
3. Rabbits can be identified by their droppings, which are oval shaped, about one centimetre in length, and often in small heaps.
4. Rabbits prefer short pasture and usually graze the pasture very low. The area they graze can be identified by this short grazing or by scrapes or scratchings in the pasture.
5. DO NOT lay bait if heavy rain is expected within a day of laying the bait.
6. Rabbits are neophobic (fearful of anything new), so place bait stations without bait for a few days so that the rabbits get used to them.
7. Apply the pellets twice at 3-4 day intervals in all areas the rabbits graze or feed.
8. Allow more than enough bait for all the rabbits in the area - if all bait is gone after the first night, you have not laid enough.

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9. It has been calculated that around 21 pellets need to be consumed by a 1.5kg rabbit before death occurs.

Pindone Rabbit pellet bait should be applied via a NOPESTS Multifeeder bait station. You don't need a licence if pellets are used in a bait station. Scratch the earth in front of the bait station and turn holes down so that the bait can be easily accessed. Ensure that the grass is short, as rabbits love short grass. If your neighbouring property is not undertaking rabbit control, this can affect your success. Sometimes it's best to join forces and combat the situation together

**If you're laying bait in a public area, signs must be posted to notify members of the public that bait has been applied – see the conditions set under the relevant legislation at**

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