



Using granular pesticides around pets

Protect dogs and cats during and after treatment

Pests can be exposed to granular pesticide in two main ways: (1) by ingesting the granules thinking they are food pellets or ingesting granules when grooming their fur or feet, or by (2) skin contact when they lie in or walk through the granules. When using granular pesticides around a home's foundation or when broadcasting

less available and less desirable to pests and birds as food items, and less likely to get trapped in pet fur or feet. Whether you do the watering, or the homeowner does it, or mother nature does it-advise the homeowner to keep the pet out of the treated area until the granules have been watered-in and the area has dried out. Keeping pets out of the area during this time protects the pets and also keeps them from



granules on a lawn, you need to take precautions to protect pets that frequent that yard.

Pre-treatment precautions- Try to choose smaller granule bait that doesn't look like dry pet food. Don't leave open granule containers within reach of pets during your service visit!

Prior to service, have pets removed from the area to be treated. Also remove pet bowls, chew bones, bedding, and pet toys from the area to be treated.

Because you can't control the pet's access to areas after the treatment, be careful where you place granules. As much as possible, apply granules where pets are not likely to come in contact with the pesticide. Ask the pet owner where the pet spends its time when

tracking residues into the home.

Post-treatment Precautions- Some granular pesticides remain effective for weeks or months and could still pose a hazard to pets that might chew on treated foliage, eat treated soil, or bed down in treated areas. Some pets will have more exposure depending on their habits. Advise the pet owner to watch the pet's behaviour after treatment and take extra precautions if needed. Owners should wipe off the pet's feet after it has been in a pesticide-treated area and before it enters the house.

Granular Pesticide Baits- Granular baits for ants, cockroaches, crickets, and snails are not watered-in and can be even more attractive to pets than other granules because

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outside and avoid treating those areas if possible.

The “Watering-in” Step- The labels of most granular insecticides direct that you water-in the granules after application to activate the insecticide. Dissolving the granules by watering them in means they are

they contain food ingredients. Place granular baits in places that pets can't access or place them in anchored tamper-resistant bait stations.

Take care, be professional and look after our animal friends.

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