



Racumin[®]
FOAM 

Testimonial: Zach from Pesky Critters

Racumin is a very effective product when used in tandem with a traditional baiting programme. We deployed it at a site that had an extensive rat infestation. The rats were very bait shy so we deployed it in tandem with a rodenticide bait. I would recommend this product to any modern forward thinking pest management provider, we would defiantly use it again. I have never seen anything like Racumin before, there are some gel type products on the market but this product is far more superior in the way it works, it can be deployed in holes and runs and the fact that it stays damp for a long period of time means marauding rats cannot avoid coming into contact with it. It is also very easy to apply and you have a great deal of control over how much of the product you use.

The evidence of its effectiveness was in the rapid results we had over just plain rodenticide, we had control of the infestation in 3 weeks. It's worth bearing in mind that before we started using Racumin we had been trying to eradicate the rats for 6 weeks using blocks, grain and pellets. The rats were very neophobic so Racumin was invaluable in wiping out the colony. The actual infestation was in the attic area of a domestic property. We identified the holes and the runs that the rats were using and deployed the product a quarter into the holes. This meant that the rats could still use the holes but would still get the product onto their fur. The attic was cool as far as temp went and was dry.

The product was very easy to apply. It came out very similar to expanding filler foam. I would say that it takes a few tries to gauge how much pressure is needed to get just enough of the foam as a little goes a very long way! Too much pressure on the trigger and you get too much foam, it expands when it comes into contact with air so a small amount of pressure gives the best result and the most effective quantity of the product. We were given the product on the 6th week of the treatment. On week 8 we had full control. All rodenticide showed no sign of being consumed so it's clear the Racumin had killed the rats. Rodent carcasses had evidence of the foam on their bodies and staining on the paws was evident. No follow up was needed.

Racumin is a foam that is baby blue in colour. It looks and feels like shaving foam. We did not test it outdoors as we were told that it was for indoor use only at present, so we cannot comment on its effectiveness outdoors. The only observation we made is that in warmer environments it dries quickly and needs to be applied more often than in cooler conditions. We placed some in holes near heating pipes in the boiler room cupboard and it did dry quickly. In this area it shrunk into a dry foam that we removed, it did stain a little but this was an area where it wasn't really noticeable or were the customer had any concerns about staining. The rats did not seem too bothered about its presence. This may be down to the fact that we applied just the right amount in the holes and the runs, the attic area was also very dark, based on a rats poor vision they came into contact with it without any evident neophobia. The colony was large and active I also believe that they are more reckless in numbers. I am sure that if we had filled all the holes fully it would have been a different outcome, or may have taken longer to get control. All in all a fantastic product that is very valuable when you are dealing with bait shy rats or large infestations were runs and holes have been identified. We will be using it in our armoury in the future. The key is to use just enough of the product but use it as widely as possible. If used in this way it works very well.

