



# WILDLIFE HEALTH ALERT: RODENTICIDE POISONING

## BEAVER POND VILLAGE/GEYSER CREST NEIGHBORHOODS AND BEYOND

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Wildlife rehabilitators are community-based volunteers, licensed by the State of New York and/or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Volunteer wildlife rehabilitators generally operate home-based facilities in the community. They are not paid or reimbursed. Volunteers provide community resources not otherwise provided by any local, state or federal agencies.

Services may include wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release; public health intervention; public education and more.

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On July 25, 2014, the local wildlife rehabilitation community joined together to respond to a call from concerned construction workers in the undeveloped area of Beaver Pond Village, directly behind Quevic Drive in Geysers Crest. The hawk's parents watched from a nearby tree.

Workers witnessed the hawk fall from a branch and drag itself across the ground to reach the cover of a nearby brush pile.

Initial examination revealed no obvious signs of trauma or injury; however, the hawk was found to be severely dehydrated and emaciated. The hawk was too weak to stand or to use its talons to grasp objects. The raptor was quickly transported to Sarah's Bird of Prey for rehabilitation. Additional symptoms include oral petechial hemorrhaging, revealing that the likely cause of the raptor's illness is secondary poisoning.

**Hawks and other wildlife are often the unintended victims of common, household rodent poison when they ingest rodents poisoned by these products.**



Rodenticides slowly kill rodents, several days after ingestion. Poisoned rodents move slowly while seeking water, becoming easy prey for many species of wildlife.

**IN ONE YEAR I WILL EAT 1,000 RODENTS.**

**PLEASE, DON'T POISON MY DINNER.**

Rodenticides kill more than just rodents.

Let birds of prey do their job.

**RAPTORS ARE THE SOLUTION**

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### Resources

**Pesticides:** National Poison Information Center (npic.orst.edu)

**Raptor Health:** Raptors Are the Solution (raptorsarethesolution.org)

**Safe alternatives:** Safe Rodent Control Resource Center (saferodentcontrol.org)

**Broad-winged hawk:** Cornell Lab of Ornithology (allaboutbirds.org)

#### Local Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation:

- ◆ Into the Wild, Inc. (intothewildinc.org)
- ◆ Avian Experience/ Sarah's Birds of Prey (avianexperience.org)
- ◆ North Country Wild Care (northcountrywildcare.org)