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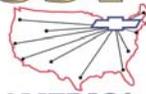


1983 El Camino, 305 cu-in, Gas/Propane. Good Condition. \$1995 OBO. Dick Jones, 425-736-8798.

WANTED

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Rodents Attack Treasures Stored (RATS), Part 2

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In Part 1 I discussed the problem that rodents pose to us as we try to go about our everyday routine of living and minding our own business. Now in Part 2 I will start to share some of the ways people have dealt with the problem.

They used to say that if one could build a better mousetrap people would flock to one's door. Well, that may be true, but we don't really want people flocking to our doors, we just want to get the rodents to prefer the neighbor's yard over our own. In this regard, the trap is still a viable option. Up to a point. It seems sufficient to rid the yard of a couple of individual specimens for the message to get across, at least temporarily. The rodents quickly learn to recognize the traps and the consequences of taking the bait. Mind you, the first rodents taking the bait don't have much time to learn anything. But their friends seem to observe the results and learn to avoid a similar fate. So putting down enough traps does seem to send the critters to the neighbors. The down side of traps are the effect on children, pets, birds, and yes, even our own fingers and toes occasionally. So mechanical spring traps are probably most effective for catching indoor rodents rather than the outdoor variety. And it is important to remember where they have been put.

There are also some new varieties of spring traps that claim to be more effective than the old spring and wire traps. I have not found this to be the case. And the springs on some of the new plastic jaw traps are so weak, the rodents just drag the trap to the fence, where it comes off as the rodent goes under or through the fence.

I once made the mistake of putting out a trap that used a sticky substance in a plastic tray. The sticky substance was intended to adhere to the rodent's little paws so that the fellow would just wait there all stuck up until one could properly dispose of him. The problem was that birds immediately flocked to the traps. After freeing two birds from the sticky mess, I finally realized what was happening. The sticky stuff looked like water in the black plastic trays, thus attracting the birds. So goodbye gooey traps, at least for outdoor use.

There are humane traps of course, but then one is faced with what to do with the rodents after they are caught.

The discussion continues next time, when I will cover chemical substances that rodents fatally ingest (I don't like the "P" word or the substances that fall under this classification.), gas warfare, tunnel demolition, and irritants.

Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>