



ARTICLE 36: Ban Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs)

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Banning SGAR Poisons in Concord



SGAR poisons threaten wildlife, pets, and human health. Together, we can create a safer environment for all residents—both human and animal.





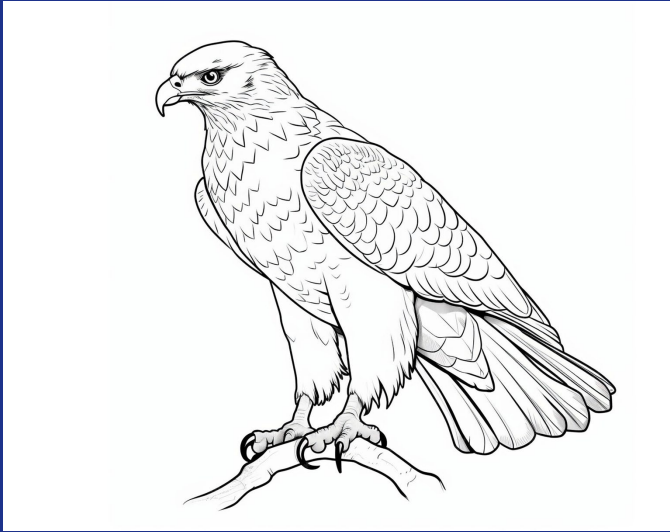
What are SGARs

- Second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides
- Class of rodent poisons that kill by preventing blood clotting
- Banned for retail sale due to dangers to pets & children (still available online to all consumers)
- Not used by the Town of Concord
- Widely used by licensed professionals in MA

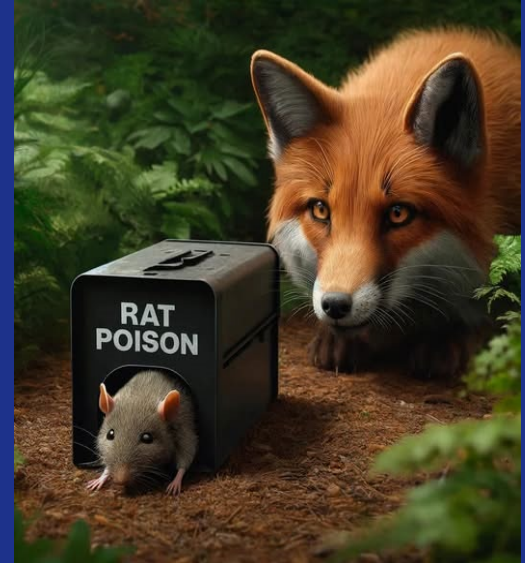




The Problem: Bioaccumulation



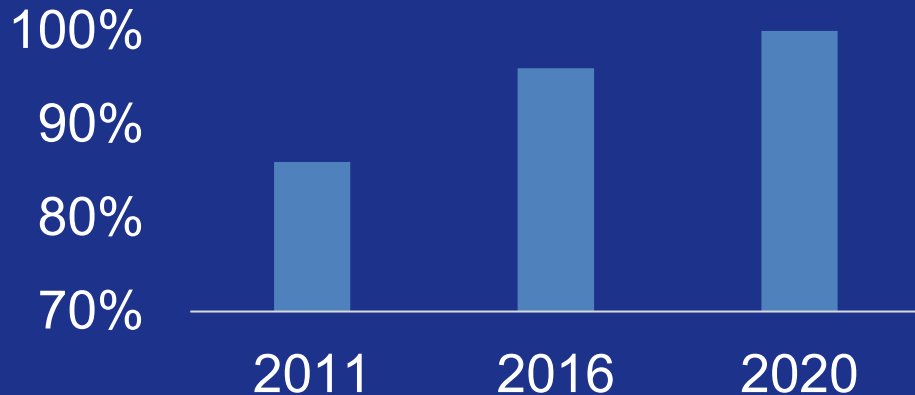
As the predator eats poisoned animals, the toxins accumulate in its body until it succumbs.





Scope of the Problem

Percentage of birds of prey that tested positive for SGARs



- 98% of Fishers
- Dozens of dogs & cats
- ~100 people





Humane and More Effective Alternatives

Non-SGAR Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan

- “Clean it up, seal it up, trap it up”
- Target by using snap traps, CO₂ & natural predators
- Non-SGAR poisons including Vitamin D3 & RatX





Currently not used on municipal property





A YES vote allows us to petition the state to ban SGARs townwide



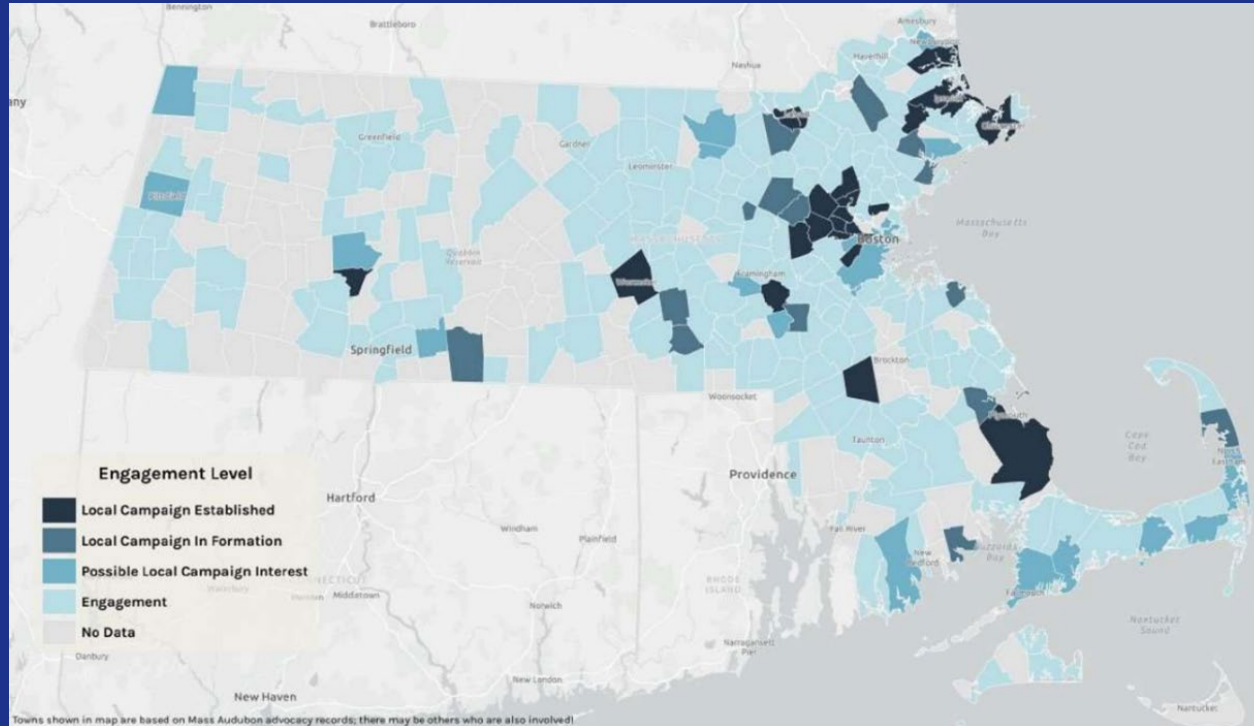


Passing Article 36 tonight is the first step to banning SGARs in Concord

- The ban will not take effect immediately
- Home Rule Petition Procedure: **Town Meeting** → **House** → **Senate** → **Governor** → **back to Concord Town Meeting**
- This process could take years which will give the town time to finalize the ban details in a way that works best for all Concord residents and businesses.
- In the meantime: Ask your pest control company to stop using SGARs on your property.



Statewide Initiative





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Support

- Select Board
- Climate Action Committee
- Natural Resources Commission





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