



1080 baiting: a must for pest control but a risk to domestic pets

Travelling with your dog?

Be aware that essential baiting programs using 1080 are carried out all year round across regional Western Australia.

Domestic dogs are at risk and baiting can be carried out at any time on pastoral leases, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) reserves, unallocated Crown land, agricultural land, and freehold farms. 1080 baiting is a major reason pets are not allowed in most national parks. **You must exercise caution when working within or visiting these areas.**

- Warning signs are placed at entrance points on all land where baiting is being carried out and at other relevant places where applicable on pastoral, agricultural, DBCA, and unallocated Crown land.
- **Do not rely upon the presence of warning signs.** Signage may not be in the immediate vicinity and can be weather damaged, removed or destroyed.
- Baits may remain toxic for many months.

What is 1080?

- 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) is an odorless, tasteless white powder and is incorporated into fresh, dried, or processed meat baits aimed at controlling wild dogs, foxes, feral cats, and feral pigs.
- Rabbit bait is 1080 incorporated into oats. While this bait may not be favoured by your pet, a poisoned rabbit presents a significant risk to your pet through secondary poisoning.
- 1080 is a naturally occurring poison found in 40 plant species. Western Australia has 39 of the 40 plant species growing naturally in the south-west. Native species have developed a tolerance to 1080 making it a more selective poison pest control option. To date, 1080 is the most efficient, humane, and species-specific pesticide available for declared pest animal control in Australia.

Why bait?

- 1080 baiting is **essential** for pastoralists and farmers to manage their livestock enterprises, as well as to conserve our wildlife.
- Without baiting, stock are targeted by wild dogs and can be killed, causing emotional and financial distress to producers.
- Introduced predators eat many native fauna. Over the past 100 years, more mammals have become extinct in Australia than anywhere else in the world.

How can I keep my dog safe?

Keeping your family's best friend safe is your responsibility

- Domestic pets **must** be always kept close and under control.
- If you take your dog with you when you travel in WA's regional areas, keep it on a leash or use a muzzle.
- Prior to entering land, please consult with individual pastoralists, DBCA and/or farmers.
- The safest option is to not take your dog at all but leave it in the safe hands of a carer or at a boarding kennel.

Further information

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- Pestsmart - [Facts of 1080 baiting information](#)

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