Local residents may be unintentionally poisoning wildlife. National Park Service researchers have found a direct link between exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly known as “rat poisons,” and the deaths of wildlife in and around the Santa Monica Mountains which includes Griffith Park.

This chart identifies how rodenticide (rat poison) works its way up the food chain.

According to park officials, over the past 20 years, more than 140 bobcats, coyotes and mountain lions have been evaluated as part of wildlife research, and close to 90 percent have tested positive for one or more anticoagulant compounds.