

PredaSTOP for Stoats
Bait Preparation Instruction

PredaSTOP for Stoats is a smooth green paste containing 410 g/kg *para*-aminopropiophenone (referred to a PAPP) packaged in a syringe. The bait is a meat bolus of fresh minced meat formed around 40 mg of the *PredaSTOP for Stoats* paste.

1. **Do NOT prepare baits in food preparation areas.**
2. The syringe (Fig1) holds 2.2 g paste which is sufficient to prepare 55 baits containing 40 mg paste (equivalent to ~16 mg PAPP active).
3. Rubber gloves must be worn.
4. A washable or disposable plastic bin/tray/plastic sheet must be used as a preparation area.
5. Use fresh minced meat that is firm and moist but not too wet. Rabbit mince is ideal.
6. Place minced meat in a bowl, tray or on plastic sheet (Fig 2).
7. Add green dye (available from Connovation) to the mince and evenly mix/blend. 1 drop of liquid green dye per 100 g mince is recommended.
8. Use 1 to 2 tsp mince for each bolus, equivalent to 5 -10 g.
9. Flatten meat into a flat 'pattie' and make a dimple in top and in the centre.
10. Place 40 mg of the *PredaSTOP for Stoats* paste into the dimple of each minced meat pattie (Fig 3).
This is equivalent to 1 line of 10 mm paste dispensed from the supplied plastic syringe (Fig 3) , or about a 5 mm diameter ball of paste (Fig 4).
11. Gently form the meat around the paste to make a ball about 20 mm diameter. **Do NOT mix/blend the paste through the minced meat.**
12. Place the green meat bait bolus into a plastic lined container.
Clingwrap is an ideal liner as this can be used to cover meat baits to keep moist.
13. Keep making meat bolus baits until a single layer of baits is formed. If more than one layer of baits is placed in a container, use plastic cling film to separate each layer.
14. Ensure containers are labelled and include bait preparation date, and name of person who prepared the baits.
A Connovation Safety Data Sheet for the prepared meat bolus bait is available on the company web-site.
15. Place lid on meat bolus bait container and store in cool place.
Take precautions to avoid contamination of outside of bait container. Change or wash gloves following minced meat bolus preparation and the wrapping of baits & closing of containers.
16. Wash preparation equipment (bowl, teaspoon or measuring equipment, tray/bin) with plenty of warm soapy water.
17. Place contaminated materials, e.g. gloves into another bag and close. Dispose of in normal rubbish collection.
18. Dispose of unused coloured (non toxic) minced meat by burying.
19. Ensure *PredaSTOP for Stoats* packaging is closed and placed in sealable plastic bag and stored under lock and key.
20. The meat and *PredaSTOP* bolus baits must be kept in a closed container , kept cool ($\leq 4^{\circ}\text{C}$) and be used no more than 48 hours after preparation.



Fig1: Plastic syringe containing 2.2g *PredaStop forStoats* paste



Fig2: Place fresh mince in bowl



Fig3: Add 35-40 mg of *PredaStop for Stoats* paste from syringe to dyed 5 - 10 g mince



Fig4: Alternatively add 40 mg of *PredaStop for Stoats* paste ; up to 5 mm diameter ball of dyed 5 -10 g mince



Fig 5: Form mince into ball around paste