Dear Neighbor --

Another dead owl was found in our area, killed by rat poisoning. Please help us prevent further deaths by stopping the use of rat poisoning and please talk to your neighbors about doing the same.

Rat poisons were designed to work slowly in order to trick more rats into eating the poison. But there are horrendous consequences. The poison works its way up the food chain into the bodies not only of owls but of all wildlife predators. The slow death is torturous, with lethargy and disorientation setting in over a period of several days. Please visit www.WildCarebayarea.org/poison for more information.

See reverse side for what you can use instead of poison:
PREVENTION is the best method of rodent control. Eliminate all food and friendly habitat space for them.

Remove rat habitat, such as yard debris, trash, construction waste, and dense ivy from around your home.

Remove easy access to food: Completely seal your garbage can and compost, and store bulk food, seed, and dry pet food in secure metal cans. Remove fallen fruit and spilled seeds from birdfeeders, and even take in birdfeeders at night.

Seal openings 1/2 inch or larger around the outside of your house with metal, concrete, or Stuf-fit Copper Mesh Wool, found online or at hardware stores.

Allow natural rodent predators to help out! A family of five owls can eat up to 3,000 rodents in a single breeding season! In our area, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, crows and hawks can also be helpful for this! Any use of rodenticide can kill any of these animals for which the poison was not intended.

Alternatives: catch-and-release traps and high frequency sound emitters are safe, sanitary, and humane solutions.

PLEASE DO NOT USE POISONS.