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Hi Dana,

It was great meeting you today and wonderful to see so many people committed to a rodent free downtown. As I mentioned, Iâ€™m the Executive Director of POISON FREE ASHEVILLE, which aims to bring awareness of the dangers of anticoagulant use to wildlife and to the ecological role that predators play in controlling rodent populations.

To kick-off this community-wide initiative, itâ€™s my pleasure to invite everyone to a free documentary film screening this Saturday of *The Cat That Changed America* staring P-22, the worldâ€™s most famous mountain lion, who lives in Griffith Park in Los Angeleswhere the iconic Hollywood sign is located. P-22 moved into the park in 2012 crossing eight lanes of freeway on the 101 and 10 lanes on the 405. He is now cut off from others of his species but otherwise thriving in the 8-mile radius park that hosts more than 3-million human visitors a year.

However, in 2014, P-22 had to be treated for anticoagulant poisoning and when I read about that and did some research, I realized that anticoagulant/rodenticide/rat poison use in our community must be affecting our wildlife too. I live in a 75-year old hand-built log cabin in Weaverville and a lot of wildlife comes through my land. In the past, I had occasionally used rodenticides when mice were destroying my heating and electrical systems, so I have a personal, as well as professional, interest in this issue.