

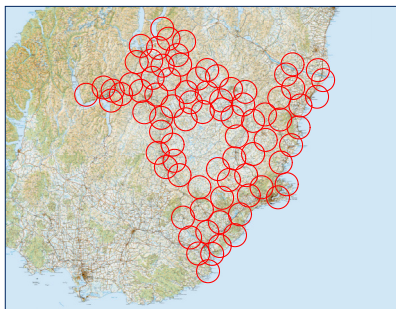
K5 RABBIT VIRUS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



The K5 rabbit virus has been released in Otago, and we need your help to make sure it has maximum impact.

- **Do not move any rabbit carcasses.** It's vital they are left in place so the virus can spread naturally. Moving carcasses can dilute the strength of the virus and result in rabbits being immune to it.
- The virus is spread by rabbit-to-rabbit contact, and also by flies.
- **Please be patient.** Don't worry if you don't see rabbit carcasses straight away. It could be six weeks or more until the full impact of the K5 virus is seen.
- **We encourage land owners to make secondary control plans** for the winter months to take advantage of the lower rabbit numbers. **Ongoing rabbit control will be necessary.**
- **We remind pet rabbit owners to make sure vaccinations are up to date.**



This map indicates release sites around Otago. Our expectation is a spread of 20km from each release site within the next two months. This covers most of Otago!

Any areas the virus doesn't reach this year should be reached by natural spread next year. Note that the gap in the middle of Otago is higher altitude with low rabbit populations.

Rabbits are living on 'burrowed' time! Keep an eye on our website for secondary control information coming your way soon.



Help Protect our Patch