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Hello Mike,

I got a short reply from Dr. Michael Stoskopf in the Vet School regarding your question about raccoon immunocontraception. He said this has proven more difficult than many had hoped commenting that .... "Part of the challenge is selectivity, then duration and of course delivery success. The most success has still involved secure delivery of some kind (hand injection) and the selectivity issue has been a big issue with use of baits. A big part of the equation though goes to the territoriality of raccoons and how closed you think that population is. It might take a pretty hefty success rate with contraception to make much of a dent in the actual population. Interesting to think about, I'll get back to you."

I'll keep asking around and let you know if I hear more from Michael or come across any more useful information.

Regards,

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