

Tips for dealing with wild animals in your neighborhood

Hazing (detering) wild animals

1. Don't feed pets or wild animals.
2. Teach children not to approach or feed ANY animal.
3. Remove all sources of food. Keep trash and compost inaccessible. Pick up fallen fruit in yard. Clean under bird feeders.
4. Report any sightings of wild animals feeding from dumpsters. Include time of day and business name to Environmental Health at 720-913-1311.
5. Maintain fences so wild animals cannot slip underneath. Add deterrents to tops of fences to reduce their ability to grab on and pull themselves up and over.
6. Install motion activated lights. Keep lights on when pets are outside.
7. Visually inspect yard before allowing any pet outside.
8. Trim vegetation away from house or up high enough so you can see underneath.

Pet Safety:

1. Keep pets on a leash. Short leashes are safer than long ones.
2. Do not let cats run freely in neighborhoods.
3. Go outdoors with small dogs and keep cats safely indoors, especially after dark.
4. Close pet doors after dark.
5. Check your yard before letting pets outdoors.
6. Change your routine. Animals learn neighborhood habits. (Ex. Don't let your dog out every morning at 5am).
7. Don't let dogs play with or chase wild animals.

Questions?

1. Contact a wildlife ecologist: 303-455-0785
2. Call 311 or email them at denvergov.org/311
3. Call Colorado Division of Wildlife: 303-291-7227