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# KEEP LOCAL WILDLIFE WILD

This neighborhood is experiencing an increase in negative interactions with raccoons, foxes, coyotes, skunks and/or squirrels.



Wildlife shares our suburban and urban environments with us. They have an important role in controlling populations of mice, voles, snakes, insects, pigeons, geese and more. Wildlife behavior is shaped by its natural instinct and by human opportunity created in its environment.

The best way to avoid negative interactions with wildlife is to:  
Keep local wildlife wild.

**NEVER** feed wildlife, either purposefully or indirectly:

- **NEVER** feed wildlife—foxes, coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, and skunks that are fed by humans lose their fear of humans. Fearless wildlife can become nuisance or dangerous wildlife. If you see or suspect someone is intentionally feeding wildlife, immediately contact Aurora Open Space and Natural Resources Naturalist staff at 303-739-7160. State law prohibits feeding coyotes and foxes within city limits.
- Do not leave pet food outside, day or night. Period.
- Do not leave trash uncovered or out on the curb overnight.

**NEVER** encourage wildlife to come near you or into your yard:

- Remove backyard attractants such as fallen fruit, pet food and unenclosed compost.
  - In neighborhoods where conflicts are increasing, please consider removing bird feeders.
  - Haze wildlife out of your yard by shouting, banging on pots and pans, or tossing objects (not food) adjacent to the animal.
  - Repel wildlife from areas using ammonia soaked rags or mothballs. Wildlife regulations prohibit the trapping and relocation of most wildlife species.

**PROTECT** pets from wildlife:

- **NEVER** allow pets to play with wildlife. Keep pet immunizations current.
- Do not allow cats to roam freely; cats at large occasionally fall prey to wild animals such as coyotes and foxes.
- Always walk your dog on a leash. In areas where negative interactions have occurred, use a shorter lead.

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