

Important Contacts

City of Carpinteria
5775 Carpinteria Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013
(805) 684-5405

For emergencies only when City Hall is closed call the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, at 911 or for non-emergency or call dispatch at (805) 683-2724. Animal Control is available from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (805) 755-4418 and on weekends at (805) 755-4413.

S. B. Humane Society (805) 964-4777

S. B. County Animal Service (805) 681-5285

S. B. Marine Mammal Center (805) 687-3255

S. B. Animal Rescue (805) 969-1001

S.B. Wildlife Care Network (805) 681-1019
(Injured Birds and Small Mammals)

Agricultural Commission (805) 681-5600

Mosquito & Vector Control District -
(805) 969-5050 (Bees, Wasps, Rats and Mice)

24 - Hour Emergency Services for Pets
Care Hospital (805) 899-2273
White's Pet Hospital (805) 966-1604

We recommend the following ways to discourage wildlife from inhabiting your property:

- Don't leave pet food or water dishes out after dusk
- Secure trash cans with tight fitting lids, tied closed if necessary
- Keep garage doors and pet doors closed and secured after dusk
- Remove debris piles that provide shelter for wild animals
- Trim vegetation and tree branches that allow easy access to your roof and attic
- Pick up all fallen fruit from fruit trees
- Secure small domestic pets indoors and poultry in adequate outdoor caging
- Seal entry holes in fences, under buildings, eaves, air ducts and decks after taking precautions not to enclose adult animals or their offspring inside
- Don't feed wildlife



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CO-EXISTING WITH NATIVE WILD ANIMALS

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Wild Animal Information



The City of Carpinteria is responsible for providing Animal Care and Control services within the city limits. Authority to provide these services comes from the Carpinteria Municipal Code (CMC), Food and Agricultural Code, Health and Safety Codes, the Penal Code and State laws.

Our mission is to educate the public regarding animal regulations and to protect the welfare of residents, their pets and the surrounding wildlife community. The Code Compliance Division works with several local wildlife and animal control agencies when dealing with wild animal concerns. Below are common questions that the City receives about wild animals. Additional information is also available on the City website regarding how to properly interact with wild animals.

COMMON QUESTIONS

If a wild animal is on a private property, will the City remove it? Generally, the City will not remove wild animals from private property. We encourage you to allow the animal to leave the property on its own. If an animal does not leave a property and poses a threat to your safety, you can contact the City Animal Care and Control Division for advice. In case of emergency, you can also call 9-1-1.

Can the City lend a homeowner a trap to capture and relocate a wild animal? Trapping of most wild animals is prohibited. Animals can be discouraged from accessing a property by removing attractions like food, water or nesting places. Homes should be properly secured to prevent access through roof or air vents. In

some cases, a specialized pest control agent can be hired to remove stubborn animals. Most animals will move back into a more natural habitat once the attractive elements are removed.

Does the City assist residents with rodent or bird infestation? The City does not provide services to remove rodents, birds or insects from private properties. You should contact a local vector control service to help remove such infestation.

What can I do to prevent wild animals from accessing my private property? Various methods can be used to prevent animals from accessing your home or property. Animal proof fencing, well groomed landscaping, secured vents and access points and other actions will help prevent physical access to a property. Certain smells, sounds and lights can be used as a successful deterrent.

If a wild animal is injured, what can I do to help? If you find a wild animal that is injured, you should contact the appropriate wildlife agency for further advice. Do not touch or attempt to capture the animal as you may further injure the animal or the animal may bite or hurt you. The appropriate agency will advise you on your next steps.

I found a dead animal, what should I do? Most dead animals can be disposed of in your trash bin. If you encounter a dead bat, do not touch the bat and please contact Animal Care and Con-



trol (805) 684-5405 ext. 408 or 418 or 413. Bats are tracked for incidence of rabies and should be gathered by a trained animal control officer.



Can I poison wild animals that enter a private property? The City strongly discourages poisoning of wild animals. Instead, deterrent methods which discourage animals from accessing your property are encouraged. Certain animals are protected by law and therefore you should contact a wildlife specialist to address nuisance issues related to a specific wild animal.

Should I be concerned about rabies or other diseases spread by wild animals? Rabies and other contagious diseases can be a concern when living near or interacting with wild animals. If you believe that an animal is infected with rabies or other disease, please seek guidance from the City's Animal Care and Control Division before approaching an animal. If a dead bat is found, which may have died of rabies, the Animal Care and Control Division will pick up the animal and determine if further testing is needed.

Is feeding wild animals, like birds or squirrels, illegal? It is illegal to feed wild animals or birds in City Parks (MC§6.04.520). Exceptions to this code exist for persons with special permits to feed certain animals or in emergency situations where an animal is injured and wildlife personnel have not yet responded. In addition, feeding wild animals creates unnatural dependence on humans.