



## Managing Human/Wildlife Conflicts



### Wildlife tips:

Do not pick up a sick or injured animal, leave it where it is and keep children and pets away from it. Do not feed it or encourage it to stay around.

Contact Animal Control/Shelter of Hope for information.

If an animal is acting aggressively or has bitten a person or other domestic pet Contact Animal Control/Shelter of Hope immediately.

If an animal is dead on the road contact your Municipal Public Works Department for information.

If the dead animal is a rabies vector species (fox or bat) and is showing signs that it was "sick" before it died contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) at 613 384 1230.

### Tips to keep Critters away:

- Do not feed stray animals in your neighbourhood or leave pet food outside overnight.
- Only put your garbage out the day of pick up and seal all garbage containers.
- Never feed or try to tame a wild animal.
- Vaccinate your pets (it's the law).
- Do not let cats or dogs run at large and keep small animals especially cats indoors.
- Remember that bird feeders also attract , squirrels, bears, rodents, cats and raccoons. Rake excess bird feed that lands on the ground.

### Note:

Similar to many Ontario Municipalities, The Town of Cobourg will not respond to simple sightings of wild animals including skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs or rats in pest situations.

If you have a wild animal nested in, or on your property, consult the yellow pages for a licenced pest removal company.



## Policy to protect wildlife



The presence of wildlife in urban settings is normal, inevitable and in itself should not be cause for public concern.

Many conflicts between humans and wildlife are preventable.

Most situations involving potential human/wildlife conflict resolve themselves quite peacefully.

Responses to human/wildlife conflicts should be ecologically sound and based on scientific knowledge.

Responses to extreme weather or tragic events that take place involving wildlife or waterfowl should be ecologically sound, be based on scientific knowledge and in direct consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Service experts.

### Who are you going to call...and when?

Similar to other Ontario Municipalities, situations such as the simple sighting of a wild animal, including foxes and coyotes, will not be responded to.

With nuisance situations such as squirrels or bats in the attic, a recognized and licensed commercial animal control company should be engaged to effect the safe and humane removal of a wild animal from private property.

### Call for help...

If a wild animal is believed to be sick, injured, or orphaned, the Animal Control Officer at the Shelter of Hope should be contacted for assistance.

If a wild animal is believed to be a threat to humans or other domestic animals, the Animal Control Officer at the Shelter of Hope should be contacted for assistance.

**CALL 905-885- 7808 for (Non-Emergency)**

**For Emergency Assistance:**

**CALL 905-885-8092**

If the threat is immediate and public safety is at risk please call 9-1-1 for **emergency** assistance and be prepared to answer the following questions:

#### Call in Checklist:

- ⇒ Has your family member or pet been in contact with wild animal?
- ⇒ Where are you located?
- ⇒ Do you have reason to believe the animal has bitten and/or come in contact with a human or domestic pet?
- ⇒ Where is the animal now?



ANIMAL CONTROL

#### Contacts:

Shelter of Hope:  
Animal Control  
Phone: 905 885 7808 (non emergency)  
Emergency: 905 885 8092

Ministry of Natural Resources  
Phone: 1 800 667 1940

Canadian Wildlife Service  
Phone: 1 800 668 6767

Public Health Unit:  
Phone: 905 885 9100  
(to be called for any humans bitten by an animal)

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street W.  
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2  
Phone: 905 372 4301

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
P.O Box 70  
10836 County Rd. #2  
Grafton, ON KOK 2G0  
Phone: 905 349 3259

Township of Hamilton  
P.O Box 1060  
8285 Majestic Hills Drive  
Cobourg, ON K9A 4W5  
Phone: 905 342 2810

Municipality of Port Hope  
56 Queen Street  
Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z9  
Phone: 905 885 4544