



WILDLIFE PREVENTION / TRAPPING GUIDELINES

The live trapping and relocation of wildlife is a service at the discretion of Snowmass Village Animal Services. This practice can be injurious and even fatal to wildlife involved. The property owner must demonstrate a willingness to act as a partner in the effort to achieve a long term solution to the problem.

Wildlife will take up residence in and around a building for two main reasons:

- **FOOD** - any accessible organic material such as birdseed on the ground, /garbage stored outside / pet food. .
- **SHELTER** - available openings to crawl spaces, basements, attics, under decks, unscreened chimneys, etc.

PRE-TRAPPING PROGRAM

Low or moderate levels of trapping (predation) can actually cause wildlife populations to increase. The most intelligent alternative to evict nuisance wildlife is to make its existence uncomfortable and encourage it to relocate on its own, especially when young are involved. COMMERCIAL REPELLENTS can be either "fear based" or "taste based". Deterrents do not aim to kill wildlife; just deter them from doing any more damage. Fear based repellents contain the scent of the predator that the prey would naturally fear, such as coyote. Sprinkle them in the yard to keep the prey animal away from the vicinity of the house. Taste based repellents just plain taste horrible with hot or bitter components. Both should work while you are away.

1. Remove any outdoor food sources.
2. Locate the entry/exit point to the building.
Obtain the materials necessary to close off the entry/exit.
3. Follow the list of suggested deterrents and implement at least one.

WILDLIFE CONTROL / CONFLICT SUPPLIES

- www.helpingwildlife.org/wldemergency/livingwithwldl.htm
- SHAKE AWAY PREDATOR SCENT (odor deterrent, organic, non-toxic)
 - www.shake-away.com/
 - www.critter-repellent.com/porcupine_repellent.htm
 - www.birdandyard.com/products-bay/outdoor/all/shake-away.htm
- www.gemplers.com (great pest control solutions, a myriad of products)
- www.nixalite.com/ROPEL (bird barrier spikes, **ROPEL liquid taste deterrent**, \$ 17 / qt)
- www.bearsmart.com for **electric fencing** info. & UDAP Bear shock Electric Fencing is available online.
- www.deerscram.com (organic, **odor barrier** offensive to deer)
- www.agriculturesolutions.com (**Miller's Hot Sauce taste repellent**, cayenne extract, \$140/ gal, deer/elk/voles, porcupine)
- www.groworganic.com (**Hot Pepper Wax, taste deterrent**, \$20/ qt)
- www.wildlifedamagecontrol.com (animal control supplies, bird control, rodent control)
- www.wildlife-control.com/home_and_garden.html
 - **Netting** over fruit trees helps protect from birds, squirrels, deer, and other omnivores.
 - **Electric fencing** surrounding garden will inhibit the animals from ever gaining entry into the area, opposed to other methods of fencing that some species can climb over or crawl through.
 - **The "Scarecrow"** is a water sprayer with a motion diction feature. It attaches to a hose in the yard and when it detects movement, it sprays the area, scaring and deterring the nuisance wildlife.

TO TRAP or NOT TO TRAP

- Snowmass Village Animal Services does not trap wildlife that are foraging and moving through your property / under your deck / on your deck.
- Live trapping and relocating can be used to move an animal, however chances of survival are not very good once the animal is relocated. Here are pointers to keep in mind before deciding to trap and relocate:
 - ✘ We will not relocate wildlife during spring if they have babies that are dependent on them for survival.
 - ✘ In the cold winter months, relocated animals face harsh weather conditions and scarce resources. Survival of winter relocated animals is low.
 - ✘ Permission is needed by a landowner before an animal can be released on the land even in the case of state, county, or national forest or park land.
 - ✘ **Traps should be checked a few times a day by the property owner.** Leaving an animal in a trap for an extended period of time is inhumane.

LIVE TRAPPING AGREEMENT

1. Animal Services will set the appropriate trap and show the owner/representative how to reset it.
2. The property owner/representative will check the trap several times per day and notify Animal Services immediately if an animal is captured.
3. Animal Services will remove the captured wildlife and will determine its outcome. Most animals are relocated, but depending on the State of Colorado guidelines and the condition of the animal, euthanasia is sometimes required.
4. Traps must be returned in 7 days. Please bring them to the Police Department at Town Hall, 130 Kearns Road.

POST-TRAPPING PROGRAM

1. When the trapping is complete, the property owner / representative will immediately seal and wildlife proof the entry location and any other potential access points.
2. The property owner/representative will make a concerted effort to reduce the chance of re-occurrence by following good prevention practices.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read Snowmass Village Animal Services Trapping Guidelines and wish to participate in a trapping program which follows these guidelines.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Trap # / Type: _____

Wildlife: _____

Captured: _____

End date: _____