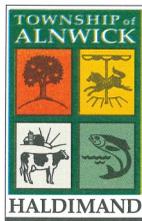




Managing Human/Wildlife Conflicts



Wildlife tips:

- ⇒ Do not pick up, feed or encourage a sick or injured animal to stay around. Leave the animal where it is and keep children and pets out of contact with the animal.
- ⇒ If an animal is acting aggressively or has bitten a person or a domestic pet you may contact the Shelter of Hope/Animal Control for advice.
- ⇒ If an animal is dead on the road contact your local Municipal Public Works Department for action or information.
- ⇒ If the dead animal is a rabies vector species such as a fox or bat and is showing signs that it was "sick" before it died contact: Canadian Food Inspection Agency. (CFIA) Phone: **613 969 3330**.

Tips to keep Critters away:

- Do not feed stray animals in your neighbourhood or leave pet food outside overnight.
- Put your garbage out **only** on the day it is to be collected and be sure to seal all garbage containers.
- Never feed or try to tame a wild animal.
- Make sure your domestic pets are vaccinated and protected.
- Do not let cats or dogs run at large.
- Keep small animals indoors or protected and monitored when leashed or outdoors.
- Remember that bird feeders also attract squirrels, bears, rodents, cats and raccoons.
- Rake excess bird feed that lands on the ground.



Important to Note:

Similar to other Ontario communities, there will be no municipal response to complaints or calls received regarding bothersome, nuisance or simple sightings of wild animals or birds including but not limited to skunks, raccoons, geese, seagulls, foxes, coyotes, rats or groundhogs.

If you have a wild animal nested in, or on your property, contact and consult with a licensed pest removal company for action if required.



Explanation of the Policy to Manage Human/Wildlife Conflicts

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

Most conflicts between humans and wildlife are preventable and in general, most situations involving potential human/wildlife conflicts 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 should you call...and when?

Situations such as the simple sighting of a wild animal, including foxes and coyotes will not be responded to. To resolve nuisance situations such as squirrels or bats in the attic a licensed commercial wildlife control company should be engaged to ensure 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 Shelter of Hope may be contacted for advice or information.

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 may be contacted for advice or information.

The Shelter of Hope/Animal Control is mandated to handle only dogs and cats. However, staff are available to answer questions and can provide general advice on wildlife nuisance concerns or issues.

Shelter of Hope/Animal Control:

CALL [905-885-7808](tel:905-885-7808) for
(Non-Emergency)

For Emergency Assistance:

CALL [905-885-8092](tel:905-885-8092)

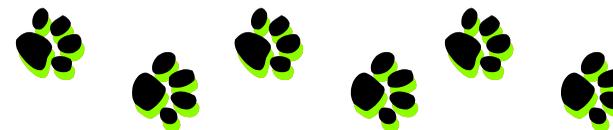
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If the threat is immediate and public safety is at risk **CALL 9-1-1** for **emergency** assistance and be prepared to answer the following questions:

Call in Checklist:

- ⇒ What type of animal is it?
- ⇒ 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 has come in contact with a human or domestic pet?
- ⇒ Where is the animal now?



Contacts:

Ministry of Natural Resources:
Phone: [1 800 667 1940](tel:18006671940)

Shelter of Hope:
Animal Control
Phone: [905 885 7808](tel:9058857808) (non emergency)
Emergency: [905 885 8092](tel:9058858092)

Canadian Wildlife Service
Phone: [1 800 668 6767](tel:18006686767)

Public Health Unit:
Phone: [905 885 9100](tel:9058859100)
(to be called when any humans are bitten by any wild or domestic animal)

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
P.O Box 70
10836 County Rd. #2
Grafton, ON K0K 2G0
Phone: [905 349 2822](tel:9053492822)

Town of Cobourg
55 King Street W.
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2
Phone: [905 372 4301](tel:9053724301)

Township of Hamilton
P.O Box 1060
8285 Majestic Hills Drive
Cobourg, ON K9A 4W5
Phone: [905 342 2810](tel:9053422810)

Municipality of Port Hope
56 Queen Street
Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z9
Phone: [905 885 4544](tel:9058854544)

