

# CO-EXISTING WITH WILDLIFE



Watch for the **Grand Opening** of the  
Plano Animal Shelter expansion in Fall 2010!  
City of Plano Animal Services

4028 West Plano Parkway 972.769.4360 [www.planoanimalshelter.org](http://www.planoanimalshelter.org)



Plano is not only your home but is also home to a variety of wild animals. As the population of Plano increases, the space available for wildlife habitats decreases. Therefore conflicts between indigenous wildlife and people are bound to occur more frequently. The first step in reducing conflicts is **prevention**. Animals are usually attracted to an area for two reasons: **food and shelter**. The following tips can help wildlife and humans live peacefully together:

- Remove pet food if kept outside and repair holes in outside walls.
- Cap the chimney, block entrances to the attic, and repair loose house siding to keep snakes, squirrels, and other wildlife out.
- Block holes and fill cracks in the house to deter rats and mice.
- Make sure your dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies and are registered with the City of Plano Animal Shelter.
- Discourage ducks from nesting by floating a number of beach balls in your pool, or place pin wheels around the pool area.
- For more information, go to [www.planoanimalshelter.org](http://www.planoanimalshelter.org), [www.dfwwildlife.org](http://www.dfwwildlife.org) or <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>.

