

# Wildlife Tips to Keep Pets & People Safe

More and more frequently, pets and people are coming into contact with wild animals. Whatever leads to the interaction, people, their pets and the wildlife can all be kept safe by following a few simple rules.

- **NEVER** feed wildlife. This acclimates them to humans and teaches them that we have food to give them. This is extremely dangerous for people and the wildlife.
- **NEVER** approach a wild animal, especially if it appears sick or injured. Any animal will do whatever it can to defend its life. If it is sick or injured and can't run away from you, it will lash out with teeth, claws and any other weapons it may have. Report any injured or sick wildlife to Animal Services as soon as possible at (972) 769-4360 or call 911 if it is an emergency.
- Look around your house to find things that may be attracting wildlife. Pet food left out at night, water sources, overgrown hedges and unsecured trash receptacles are just a few of the things that lure wildlife to your front or back door!
- Keep your pets in at night and always keep them on a leash. Smaller pets are especially susceptible to being injured or killed by wildlife. Keeping your pets leashed at all times is required by Plano Ordinances and will enable you to quickly protect your pet should the situation call for it.
- Report any sightings of bobcats, coyotes or other predators to Animal Services at (972) 769-4360.



**Animal Shelter**  
4028 W. Plano Parkway  
Plano, TX 75093

**Shelter Hours**  
9am-6pm Tuesday-Friday  
10am-4pm Saturday-Sunday

**Field Response Hours**  
7am-9pm

Seven days a week  
Emergencies are responded  
to 24 hours a day by on-call  
Animal Services Officers

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