

"URBAN" WILDLIFE



Scottsdale's population continues to grow every year. That means residents need to share the desert with our native "urban" wildlife such as bobcats, coyotes, javelina, raccoons and skunks.

The City of Scottsdale and the Arizona Game & Fish department alerts homeowners that these types of desert dwellers view pets such as dogs, cats and rabbits as prey. Neither the city nor Game & Fish trap or relocate native wildlife, so please take the following necessary precautions in your neighborhood to protect you and your family:

Prevention tips:

- Pets should be kept on a leash or indoors
- Early mornings and evenings are the most likely times for wildlife to be looking for food
- The use of poisons and weapons is illegal
- The City of Scottsdale and the Arizona Game & Fish department do not capture urban wildlife

To discourage "urban" wildlife from visiting your neighborhood:

- **DO NOT FEED ANY "URBAN" WILDLIFE!!**
- Keep all pets indoors
- Remove all outside pet food dishes
- Remove all water sources
- Create a ruckus, throw small rocks in their direction or spray them with a garden hose – **BUT KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!**

For more information, contact:

Arizona Game & Fish Department
(602) 942-3000

Web site resources:

www.gf.state.az.us

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Health/coyote/default.asp