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Alameda County Department of Environmental Health

Alameda County has a great diversity of wildlife that can live in and around our homes, including birds (pigeons), opossums, raccoons, skunks, feral pigs, wild turkeys, red and grey foxes, deer, squirrels, coyotes, and mountain lions.

Residents unintentionally make their homes and yards attractive to urban wildlife. When requested by the resident, our Vector Biologists recommend techniques and strategies on how to coexist peacefully with the urban wildlife by eliminating the availability of food, shelter, or water around their home.



Public Health Concern

Wildlife species may transmit their infectious diseases to humans or pets. The disease may be transmitted from the bite of the infected animal, contact with the animal's contaminated body or waste products, or transmitted by infected ectoparasites found on the animal, such as ticks, fleas, or mites.

The infectious diseases that humans or their pets can acquire from wildlife may include; rabies, murine typhus, plague, Hantavirus, tularemia, leptospirosis, Colorado tick fever, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and raccoon roundworms.



Public Health Concern

Alameda County Vector Control Services District does not service personal or rented traps.

Please see the following codes for trapping wild animals: California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, 465.5 (f) (1); (g) (1) (2) (3)

California Department of Fish & Wildlife Trapping License Examination Reference Guide



