

Do Not Feed Wildlife: Protect Your Community and Our Wildlife

Feeding wildlife, including rodents, encourages dangerous human-wildlife conflicts. When animals become dependent on human-provided food, they lose their natural fear of humans, increasing the likelihood of aggressive encounters. This practice also attracts more wildlife into inhabited areas, exacerbating issues like rodent overpopulation and increasing the risks associated with larger predators, such as coyotes, bears, and mountain lions.



For the benefit of both wildlife and public safety, the following behavior is encouraged:

- **Do not leave** food outside that can attract wildlife.
- **Educate your community** about the dangers of feeding wildlife and the importance of keeping our neighborhoods safe.
- **Do not keep pets** off-leash or unattended while outside, especially during evening hours.

Consequences of Feeding Wildlife:

- **Overpopulation:** Providing food to wildlife can cause populations to grow beyond what the natural environment can support.
- **Harmful Diets:** Wild animals, birds, and fish have specialized diets, and feeding them the wrong foods can lead to malnutrition or even death.
- **Disrupting the Ecosystem:** Feeding wildlife can create imbalances that negatively affect the entire ecosystem.

**Do Not Feed
Any Wildlife**

