

**Note:**  
Similar to many Ontario Municipalities, The Town of Cobourg will not respond to simple sightings of wild animals including skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs or rats in pest situations.

If you have a wild animal nested in, or on your property, consult the yellow pages for a licensed pest removal company.



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www.cobourg.ca

Phone 905-372-4301



### Wildlife tips:

Do not pick up a sick or injured animal, leave it where it is and keep children and pets away from it. Do not feed it or encourage it to stay around. Contact Municipal Animal Services for information.

If an animal is acting aggressively or has bitten a person or other domestic pet Contact Municipal Animal Services at (905) 885-7808.

If an animal is dead on the road contact the Municipal Public Works Department at 905 372 9971 for information.

If the dead animal is a rabies vector species (fox or bat) and is showing signs that it was "sick" before it died contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) at 613 384 1230.



### Tips to keep Critters away:

- Do not feed stray animals in your neighborhood or leave pet food outside overnight.
- Only put your garbage out the day of pick up and seal all garbage containers.
- Never feed or try to tame a wild animal.
- Do not let cats or dogs run at large and keep small animals especially cats indoors and vaccinate your pets (it's the law)
- Remember that bird feeders also attract , squirrels, bears, rodents, cats and raccoons. Bird feeders can also attract coyotes which prey on the smaller animals using the feeder. Rake excess bird feed that lands on the ground.



Town of Cobourg



### Managing Human/Wildlife Conflicts in the Town of Cobourg



## ► Bats in the Belfry and Foxes in the Park...

The presence of wildlife in urban settings is normal, inevitable and in itself should not be cause for public concern.



Harmony & Conflict  
Human/Wildlife

Many conflicts between humans and wildlife are preventable.

The Town of Cobourg seeks to protect wildlife on municipal property as evidenced by the Town's Park By-law.

Most situations involving potential human/wildlife conflict resolve themselves quite peacefully.

Responses to human/wildlife conflicts should be ecologically sound and based on scientific knowledge.



### Who are you going to call...and when?

Situations such as the simple sighting of a wild animal including foxes and coyotes will not be responded to by the Town of Cobourg, similar to other Ontario Municipalities..

With nuisance situations such as squirrels or bats in the attic, a recognized and licensed commercial animal control company should be engaged to effect the safe and humane removal of a wild animal from private property.

### Call for help...

If a wild animal is believed to be sick, injured, or orphaned, the Animal Control Officer at the Shelter of Hope should be contacted for assistance.

If a wild animal is believed to be a threat to humans or other domestic animals, the Animal Control Officer at Municipal Animal Services should be contacted for assistance.

If action by the Cobourg Police Service is required, coordination for such action will be through the Animal Control Officer.

CALL 905 885 7808 (non emergency)

for emergency assistance

CALL 905 885 8092. (emergency)

If the threat is immediate and public safety is at risk please call 9-1-1 for **emergency** assistance and be prepared to answer the following questions:

#### Call in Checklist:

- ⇒ Has your family member or pet been in contact with wild animal?
- ⇒ Where are you located?
- ⇒ Do you have reason to believe the animal has bitten and/or come in contact with a human or domestic pet?
- ⇒ Where is the animal now?



#### Contacts:

Municipal Animal Services

905 885 7808

Emergency: 905 885 8092

Ministry of Natural Resources

1 800 667 1940



Municipal Animal  
Services

#### Public Health Unit:

Phone: 905 885 9100

(to be called for any humans bitten by an animal)

#### Town of Cobourg:

By-law Enforcement: 905 372 4301

Public Works: 905 372 9971

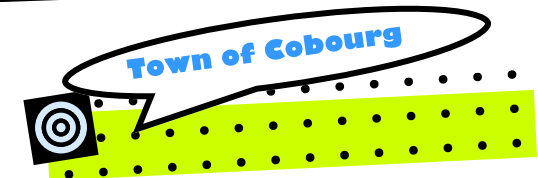
#### Cobourg Police Service:

905 372 2243 (non emergency)

9-1-1 (emergency)

More information can be found on the following websites:

[www.livingwithwildlife.org](http://www.livingwithwildlife.org)



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