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Frequently Asked Questions

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Due to the wooded mountainous geography the City has, residents share common areas with a host of wildlife (skunks, raccoons, ground hogs, foxes, coyotes, deer, turkeys etc.) The City of Pittsburgh encourages residents to seek ways to peacefully cohabitate with their wild neighbors. [The Humane Society of the United States](#) has many useful suggestions on living with wildlife. Here are direct links to our most commonly encountered wildlife in Pittsburgh:

[Bats](#)

[Deer](#)

[Groundhogs](#)

[Opossums](#)

[Raccoons](#)

[Skunks](#)

[Squirrels](#)

Here at Pittsburgh Animal Care and Control, we understand that sometimes an animal has already entered your home or is causing damage to your property. Nuisance wildlife is defined as wildlife that causes, or is about to cause, property damage or that presents a threat to the health or safety of the community by means of disease transmission or direct attacks. In these cases, we can help you to remove the animal by providing a humane trap for up to 2 weeks with the payment of a refundable deposit. Officers will deliver the trap and show you how to properly use it. You must provide your own bait for the trap. You may also use your own trap, if you have one. You must commit to checking the trap several times a day once it is set. Once you have trapped the animal, simply call Animal

Care and Control to have him/her picked up. We ask that you do not trap on weekends or holidays, as our staffing is minimal on these days and may be tied up with emergencies.

Starting January 1st, 2015, you must fill out an application to qualify for the city's wildlife removal services, whether using your own trap or one on loan from the City of Pittsburgh. Please understand that due to state regulations regarding rabies vector species, all bats, groundhogs, skunks and raccoons that are trapped must be humanely euthanized.

Apply for wildlife removal services [Trap Application](#).