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DETECTING WILD ANIMALS

The following are humane suggestions for deterring wild animals on your property. If you have any questions, feel free to call and speak to our Wildlife Officer at 626-792-7151 x110.

Simple things to do to discourage wildlife from visiting your yard:

- Never intentionally feed wild animals.
- Take in all pet food and water. Don't leave pet food or water outside, especially at night. Wildlife is attracted to an easy meal.
- Keep pet animals indoors. Don't let your pet become part of the food chain; always bring them inside before dark.
- Secure the lids of your outdoor garbage cans. Put cans out early the morning of garbage pick up.
- Pick up fallen fruit from the ground nightly.
- Pick fruit when it's ripe.
- Cover fruit tree branches with mesh netting and secure the netting to the trunk to exclude hungry animals.
- Fence off or net areas that you wish to protect.
- Clear away woodpiles and brush piles after the winter. Keep vegetation near the house neatly trimmed. This will lessen the opportunity for wild animals to find shelter.
- Close access to crawl spaces, attic, shed and garage spaces. Keep all doors closed at night.
- Shut pet doors at dusk. Skunk, raccoons, opossums or others may follow their nose to the smell of food inside your home.
- Cap or screen off your chimney to keep animals from falling in or building nests in the chimney.