

**Warrenville Police Department  
Animal Control Division**

We are glad to be of service to assist you with your nuisance wildlife problems. Please keep in mind that we must learn to cohabitate with wildlife, they are here to stay just as we are. No amount of Animal Control will eliminate animals from visiting your property. Our goal is to first provide you with the education that will assist you in keeping an animal from becoming a nuisance to your family and property. Just because an animal visits your property does not necessarily mean you have an animal problem.

We encourage you to please take some time to read through the material included in this packet. There are several good, proven deterrent tactics that you as a homeowner can use to solve the problem. Most are inexpensive and require little effort. More times than not it is easier and ecologically better to deter the animal from your property than to trap the animal.

Please understand that at times we may need to refer you to a private contractor who has more sophisticated tools and tactics to remove your wildlife problems. You will find several local contractors by looking in your phone book or by the Internet, under wildlife removal.

**Warrenville Police Department Trapping Program**

You will be provided the trap for five days to use. You will receive the trap on Tuesday afternoon and the trap will be picked up on Saturday evening by 9 p.m.

You will need to be home to receive the trap, instructions for set up and which bait to use, depending on what type of wild animal you are having a problem with.

It is necessary for homeowners to check the trap twice every calendar day, once in the morning and once in the evening.

If you trap an animal, call 9-1-1 to have the trap removed. Keep in mind that if it is past 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, properly trained personnel will have to be called in. During duty hours, response times can be affected by other police activity.

## **Effective Bait for Trap**

**Ground Hogs:** Apples and Canned Peaches

**Opossums:** Liver sausage, marshmallows, Apples, Melons

**Raccoons:** Liver Sausage, Marshmallows, Sweet corn

**Skunks:** Liver Sausage, Twinkies, and Cooked Bacon

**\*\* When** using fresh fruit, make sure to score or cut the fruit in half

## **Helpful Tips**

1. Place fruit on a paper plate or paper towel before placing in the trap. (Do not place the bait directly in the trap, it makes a mess.
2. If placing the trap outside on soft ground, put a piece of cardboard or board under the trap. This prevents the animals from ripping up the lawn when in the trap.
3. Set the trap on your property only.
4. Traps will be picked up 5 days from issue. If traps are set in a confined area, please make sure we can access that area. If not, please place the trap in an area that we can get to in order to be picked up.

### **Reasons Traps Will Be Given**

- \* Animals who have entered any structure (home, garage, shed, vehicles)
- \* Sick or injured animals
- \* Animal who have dug under foundations, decks, sheds, and stoops
- \* Any wild animal who possess an immediate threat to residents due to behavior, illness, injury

### **Reasons Traps Will Not Be Given**

- \* Mere sightings of an animal in the area or passing through your property
- \* Skunks spraying domestic pets
- \* Animals getting into or knocking over garbage
- \* Skunks or raccoons digging up lawns; squirrels burying nuts
- \* Animals getting into gardens, eating flowers, vegetables, etc.
- \* Animals getting into backyard pounds, eating or killing fish, birds, or getting into bird feeders
- \* Any other problem where there is a prevention solution
- \* If a referrals to a private trapper is more appropriate
- \* If resident is placed on a trap list and the reason is found to be invalid, the Animal Control Officer will contact the resident to advise of their removal from the list, reason, and any prevention suggestions.

During the trapping process you will be provided information on how to future deter animals from becoming a nuisance on your property, in the future. For example, if an animal digs a hole under your porch or deck, you will be given information on how to properly fix the hole. Once the animal is caught you must fix the hole. Failure to take recommended prevention efforts may lead to denial for future trapping requests.

### **Placement on Trap Denial List**

- \* The Animals Control Officer will make the determination of a resident's placement on the denial list. Any appeals will be referred to the Administrative Sergeant for final review.
- \* The Animal Control Officer prior to being placed on the denial list will notify Resident.
- \* Any resident currently on the denial list who reports a different problem that would otherwise qualify for placement on the trap list will be issued a trap only after evaluations by Animal Control. The requestor will be referred or transferred to the Animal Control Officer.

\*\*\* Please note that any tormenting or cruel treatment of a trapped animal will be grounds for immediate placement on the Denial List.

The Warrenville Police Department Trapping Program will only apply to City of Warrenville owned traps. Private traps that are being used are the homeowner's responsibility. Private traps that are being used without a license trapper can have legal consequences.