



Wildlife Management Policy

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Preamble

Mountain Park has 185 acres of common property, some of which has been left in its natural state. There is also a significant amount of additional undeveloped land near our community. This land is home to an abundance of wildlife. The animals living around us are a normal part of the ecosystem and are for the most part beneficial. On occasion, however, animals and humans come into conflict, requiring intervention.

The Association possesses no expertise in wildlife management. However, such expertise is available from government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services (USDAWS). This policy is intended to define the role of the Association in dealing with wildlife issues.

Policy

The Association assumes no responsibility for managing wildlife with Mountain Park. That will be left to appropriate government agencies.

Because most of the conflict between urban wildlife and people is the result of human actions, the Association will maintain educational materials for residents on the Mountain Park website that illustrate how to minimize such conflict.

When a resident reports that they believe an animal in Mountain Park represents a threat or nuisance, staff will direct that resident to the City of Lake Oswego or the USDAWS. Investigation and management of the complaint will be left to the appropriate government agencies.

At times, the agency handling a wildlife complaint may require the cooperation of the Association. For example, access to common property might be required to remove a problem animal. In general, the Association will follow the recommendations of agency wildlife experts, but the Association is not bound by those recommendations. The general manager has the authority to grant access to common property to government personnel working to resolve a wildlife complaint. Only the board of directors, however, may grant access to private contractors working directly for a homeowner.

The Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred. If there are any charges, necessary financial arrangements must be made directly between the resident filing a complaint and the agency managing it.