

Why hire a Wildlife Control Operator?

- Expertise and experience are required when dealing with wildlife issues. WCO's are trained to determine what animals are causing your problem and how to safely & humanely remove them.
- Laws & Regulations can be difficult to interpret. A WCO will have knowledge of State and local regulations.
- The animal's point of entry may be in a difficult to reach area of the house. A WCO will have the necessary tools to safely and efficiently complete an animal removal and exclusion job.
- It is dangerous to try and locate and capture animals in confined spaces. Animals, when cornered can become aggressive and bite.
- The risk of exposure to diseases should also be of concern when considering managing the issue on your own. A WCO will have the knowledge and the equipment necessary to mitigate the spread of disease.
- Animals will have young at different times of the year and a WCO will be able to determine if there is a presence of young, and take appropriate steps.
- In extreme cases, it may be necessary to have a WCO's guidance when contacting your insurance company for covered damages.

Colorado Wildlife Control Operators Association.

“Providing solutions to Colorado’s nuisance wildlife problems.”

CWCOA is a mutual benefit, non-profit, incorporated state trade association whose mission is to help individuals, businesses and agencies in the wildlife damage control industry and to resolve human/wildlife conflicts through cooperation, education, training, influence, professionalism and service.

Membership includes but is not limited to nuisance wildlife control operators, animal damage control operators, pest control operators, nuisance trappers, predator control trappers, and employees of government agencies involved in wildlife damage management.



A Home Owners Guide to Nuisance Wildlife in Colorado



To locate a WCO in your area please visit WWW.cwcoa.org.

Colorado has a wide variety of wildlife and as the human population increases, so do the occurrences of wildlife conflicts. It is important to understand that wildlife will always be around and we must have some tolerance for wild animals in our areas.



Be aware of the of attractants that can draw wildlife to your yard or home, such as trash cans, bird feeders or pet bowls. We must always do our part to avoid conflicts by removing as many attractants as possible. If you wish to have your home or business evaluated for steps you can take to reduce the attractants or nuisance wildlife call a WCO for an appointment.



DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

For those currently experiencing problems with wildlife in and around their home, it can be a scary and frustrating thing.

It is impossible for Colorado Parks & Wildlife or city animal control to assist with all of these types of problems. It is generally the homeowner's responsibility to solve these wildlife conflicts on their own, or by hiring a professional.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) generally handles the larger wildlife and more dangerous species

City and County Animal Control Officers (ACO) tend to domesticated animals such as cats, dogs, and livestock. Some will remove snakes and animals that appears sickly and pose an immediate danger to the public. They also handle issues with cruelty.

Pest Control Operators (PCO) are more directed toward insects and small rodents. Some PCO's do have the skills needed to deal with a wildlife problem.

Wildlife Control Operators (WCO) are more directed toward wildlife. Methods used consist of **trapping** with cages to remove the animal, **exclusion** to prevent the animal from getting back in, **damage restoration** to repair the area to pre-animal condition, **disease prevention** to remove any biohazardous materials to help reduce the chances of a zoonosis spreading to people or other animals.

This list will hopefully help point you in the right direction:

Problem Animal	Who to Call
Mice/rats	PCO, WCO
Bats	WCO
Squirrels	WCO
Skunks	WCO
Gophers/Voles	WCO, PCO
Snakes	WCO, PCO
Raccoons	WCO
Beavers	WCO
Porcupines	WCO
Pigeons/Birds	WCO
Dogs/Cats	ACO
Feral Cats	WCO
Coyotes	WCO, CPW
Foxes	WCO
Bobcats	WCO
Deer/Elk/Moose	CPW, WCO
Geese	WCO, CPW
Bears	CPW
Mountain Lions	CPW

