

WILD/DANGEROUS ANIMAL CONTROL

The Hills Property Owner's (POA) Association Master Declaration forbids pets at large and can levy fines against non-compliant owners. The Village of The Hills has established a wild/dangerous animal control program to deal with the control and removal of aggressive, sick or dangerous animals that do not fall under the POA's jurisdiction.

For purposes of this program:

- "Wild" animals are defined as (but not limited to) deer, mountain lions, bobcats, skunks, opossums, fox, coyotes, feral hogs, squirrels, raccoons and bats.
- "Other" animals will be defined as (but not limited to) feral cats, roaming house cats and dogs, snakes, armadillos, rabbits, rats, mice and birds.

If a person has been attacked, bitten or scratched by a wild animal (as defined), he/she should call 911 immediately, then Hills Security at 261-0945

All wild animals in Texas are the property of the State of Texas and should not be fed or petted. Trapping, killing, or molesting wild animals is illegal unless allowed by special permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department such as the Village has obtained to trap deer. *Only* sick wild animals, wild animals showing aberrant behavior (behavior contrary to what is normally expected from the species) or "other" animals showing obvious signs of rabies should be reported to Security. Security personnel will contact a pest control company who will respond and remove the animal at Village expense. Complaints regarding healthy wild and "other" animals should not be forwarded to the pest control company chosen by the Board. Instead, Security should inform the complainants that they may, at their expense, contact the pest control company of their choice to deal with the situation. *The Village will pay for the removal of wild animals, as defined, from private property if the animal is obviously sick or displaying aberrant behavior. Healthy wild animals and other animals, as defined, unless showing obvious signs of rabies, should be dealt with by the residents at their expense.*

Residents concerned about wild animals or "other" animals frequenting their property should strive to make their property less attractive to them - securely seal garbage containers, remove bird and squirrel feeders, feed pets indoors, remove bushes and shrubs from fence lines and, above all, should not feed the wildlife.

The Board of Aldermen will keep Hills Security informed of the name and phone number of the pest control company selected by the Board to respond to calls by residents who have legitimate complaints. The company chosen may be changed from time to time by the Board of Aldermen.