

# Canid-Safe Neighborhood Checklist

## Arm Yourself With Knowledge

- Learn what wild canids live in your area.
- Discuss canids and canid safety with your family, including children.
- Learn about when and how to use aversion conditioning, like hazing.
- Learn how to protect yourself against aggressive domestic dogs.
- Share information with neighbors, property manager / landlord.
- Organize an educational event for your block or neighborhood.

## Be Prepared

- Be prepared with hazing props, if you feel you need them.
- If you walk with a dog, desensitize it to hazing and hazing props.

## Reduce Attractants

### *Handling of garbage and green waste*

- Do not allow garbage or recycling bins to become overfilled. Lids must shut.
- Be sure lids are secure and functioning properly. Replace if damaged.
- Never compost meat, bones or dairy.
- Keep discarded meat/dairy frozen until trash day.

### *Composting*

- Be sure the bin is secure and animals cannot gain access.

### *Barbeques*

- Clean after each use. Keep drip tray clean or inaccessible (to animals)

### *Birdseed/squirrel feeders*

- Seed attracts rodents and the animals that prey on them.
  - (a) Remove feeder
  - (b) Install a rodent barrier system.

### *Harborage (shelter and hiding spots)*

*Dense vegetation and debris piles attract rodents and animals that prey on them.*

- Remove any debris or brush piles.
- Keep grass trimmed and vegetation thinned.

*Lollipop pruning of shrubs opens the base but leaves a full canopy.*

- Inspect home's exterior for any openings, holes, gaps.
- Make necessary repairs to prevent animals from accessing shelter.
- Include decks and landing.

*Take precautions to not entrap nocturnal animals within structures.*

### *Garden and Fruit Trees*

*Garden vegetables and fruit attract rodents and other wildlife including canids.*

- Ensure ripe and fallen fruit is picked / removed daily.
- Prevent mammals from accessing garden / orchard.

### *Livestock & Poultry*

*Animal feed / bedding can attract rodents and other wildlife.*

- Exclude rodents from access to stored food / bedding.
- Reduce or eliminate rodent access to animal enclosure(s).
- House animals in predator-proof enclosures.
- Never let the animals roam freely, unguarded.

### *Companion Animal Care and Feeding*

- Do not leave pet food where it is accessible to wildlife.
- Remove pet feces from the yard, daily.
- Keep cats contained for their safety.

*Catios and Cat Gardens allow cats to enjoy the outdoors safely.*

- On walks, do not use leashes longer than 6'.
- Do not leave small dogs in the yard, unattended.

### *Stray, Feral and Free-Roaming Cats*

- Learn about the TENVAC process for managing community cats.
- Keep food out of reach of wildlife, including birds.

## **Preventive Measures**

- ☺ Consider predator-proof fencing and other wildlife and rodent barrier systems.
- ☺ Report deliberate or unintentional feeding of wild animals to authorities.
- ☺ Report stray cats and / or stray or feral cat feeding locations to authorities.
- ☺ Report recurring gatherings of crows and or pigeons at one location to authorities.
- ☺ Report overflowing trash receptacles to authorities.

To learn more about coyote-proof fencing, deterrents, aversion conditioning, or rodent exclusion, please email [help@humanecontrol.com](mailto:help@humanecontrol.com) or call 1-855-5-HUMANE.