

# Living in the West Valley: Wildlife Areas

Wildlife areas and wildlife corridors around homes can sometimes put us in contact with wildlife. Current California law forbids relocating wildlife, but there are some things you can do as well as resources to help you get along with our “wilder” neighbors!

## Common animals

### Snakes -

- Keep rodents out of the yard
- Keep yards free of debris/hiding places
- Remove outside pet food and water at night
- Screen vents and drains
- Reduce tall grass/weeds



### Raccoons, Opossums, Skunks -

- Keep trash fully covered
- Pick up and discard any fallen fruit
- Remove outside pet food/water at night
- Thin bushes/vegetation to reduce harborage



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### Coyotes-

- Remove pet food/water at night
- Pick up and discard fallen fruits
- Clean grills or store inside
- Keep cats/dogs inside at night
- Install fences greater than 6 feet



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## Resources

<https://animalcare.sbcounty.gov/> - San Bernardino County Animal Control

<https://opossumsocietyus.org/> - U.S. Opossum Society

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Living-with-Wildlife> - CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife

<https://www.facebook.com/SunshineHaven> - Sunshine Shelter

<https://www.torescue.org/> - The Ontario Rescue

