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Wildlife Trapping

The El Segundo Police Department Animal Control Division will only trap feral cats, animals that present a threat to public safety or injured animals. The Animal Control Division does not trap, or rent traps to others, for the purpose of removing and relocating nuisance wildlife such as opossums, skunks, squirrels, and raccoons. These procedures are in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 465(g) (1).

Residents that capture furbearing and non-game mammals in a privately owned trap are advised to release the animals on site. Animal care facilities such as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals do not accept uninjured trapped wildlife. Anyone desiring help in releasing a privately trapped animal can call the El Segundo Police Department for assistance.

Anyone requiring professional help to manage nuisance animals can contact privately owned pest/rodent control service companies. Additionally, electronic and chemical remedies to deter unwanted animals from entering private property are often found in home improvement centers.

Here are tips for deterring unwanted animals from entering a location:

- Remove food sources that attracts animals (including fallen fruit from trees and stored pet food)
- Store garbage in containers with tight fitting lids
- Do not feed wildlife
- Have all the bushes trimmed and debris removed
- Trim overhanging tree limbs that could allow roof access by animals
- Ensure all openings into a house are secured to prevent animals from entering and lodging in attics or crawlspaces

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