

Living With Wildlife

As residents of this great island community, we have grown accustomed to the sights and sounds of a vibrant cultural scene throughout our busy downtown area, as well as, appreciating the beauty of the picturesque landscapes at our homes, our common areas, or the golf course with wildlife, such as deer, alligators, squirrels, fox, and even coyote. Our interaction with local wildlife can be fascinating at times but also become less than optimal.

Since we are sharing our environment with wildlife, our responsibility is to minimize the potential for undesirable interactions with them as we share this space together. Here are some recommendations:

- All pet foods should be properly stored in an enclosed area, such as garage or house.
- Never leave pet bowls for food and water outside for extended periods of time.
- Make certain all outside pets are secured inside the home.
- Ensure all garbage containers are securely fastened and located in an enclosed area.
- Never intentionally throw items at, approach or feed squirrels, deer, fox, coyotes, and especially alligators.

Despite our best efforts, there may still be the rare occurrence for the nuisance animal. In these circumstances, here are our recommendations.

- If nuisance animals, such as alligators, are located on DIPOA common areas for an extended period, please call the DIPOA immediately at 843.971.9200
- If nuisance animals are intruding on your property, here are some links for your reference.
 - <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/control.html>
 - <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/docs/nwco.pdf>
 - For specific information regarding nuisance alligators, please refer to the Miscellaneous section under the Resources tab of the website – www.dicommunity.org

The Daniel Island POA Office is aware of frequent alligator and coyote activity on the island. Please know that we monitor activity that is reported to our office. Living with wildlife can be a challenging experience for residents. Residents are encouraged to keep the POA informed of unusual activity and sightings. The main thing residents can do to be proactive, is to keep pets on leashes and under owner control when out in the community and inside when at home and to not leave food or water outside.