

# Ohio's Nuisance Wild Animal Control Law Overview

## Nuisance Wildlife

*Must have a Commercial Nuisance Wild Animal Control Operator License from the Division of Wildlife if there is any exchange of money or goods for dealing with a nuisance wild animal.*

*WildOhio.com Experiencing Wildlife Nuisance Wildlife List of Nuisance Trappers*

CANT kill (i.e. shoot or trap) without first contacting Division of Wildlife at (740) 589-9930

Deer - Division of Wildlife has procedure for issuing deer damage permits

Geese - Division of Wildlife has procedure for issuing goose damage permits

Waterfowl other than geese – US Dept. of Agriculture has authority

Turkey

**Bear, bobcat and raptors – protected in Ohio**

Can be shot any time of the year if a nuisance

Raccoon

Muskrat

Beaver

Squirrel

Chipmunk

Groundhog

Mole

Blackbird

Crow

Mice

Shrews

Voies

Opossum

Rats

Skunk

Coyote

Fox

Can be trapped any time of the year if a nuisance but if trapped must be euthanized or released on site

Raccoon

Skunk

Opossum

Fox

Coyote

Beaver

Can be trapped any time of the year if a nuisance but if trapped can be euthanized OR relocated

Squirrel

Chipmunk

Groundhog

Mole

Everything else if a nuisance can be trapped any time of the year but,

Must be relocated outside city limits WITH landowner permission

## Rehab of Wildlife

*WildOhio.com Experiencing Wildlife Orphaned & Injured Wildlife List of Wildlife Rehabilitators*

Not allowed to be rehabbed

Deer (including fawns)

Mute Swans

Raccoons originating from Cuyahoga county and east

Coyotes

All other critters-Contact an Ohio licensed wildlife rehabilitator (listing found at WildOhio.com)

## Sick Wildlife

Rabies suspected

If person is bitten or is handling a sick animal Contact Scioto County Health Dept. (740) 354-3241

Other disease suspected

Contact Division of Wildlife (740) 589-9930

For any questions contact 1-800-WILDLIFE or Scioto SWCD at 740-259-9231

Ohio's nuisance wild animal control law is covered under Ohio Administrative Code 1501:31-15-03.