

Wildlife in Dennis

Sick and Injured Wildlife

The Department of Natural Resources is available to help with emergencies regarding wild animals, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm. Should you encounter an emergency with a wild animal outside of these hours, you may contact the Dennis Police Department at 508-394-1314.

Natural Resources Officers respond to a wide variety of emergency animal related calls.

Emergency wildlife calls consist of:

- ◆ A hurt wild animal that may pose a danger to the public.
- ◆ A wild animal that becomes trapped in your home and poses an immediate threat to your safety.
 - ◆ Any wild animal that appears to be in distress.

Animals are evaluated and monitored by staff for sickness or injuries. If the animal is found sick or injured, the animal is taken to a wildlife clinic for treatment.

The Department of Natural Resources does not consider the following an emergency situation for a response.

Non-emergency calls consist of:

- ◆ Animals that may nest under decks, sheds, in garages (skunks, raccoons, and rabbits, etc.)
- ◆ Animals that may lay eggs on or near your property (i.e. turtles, snakes. Etc.)
 - ◆ Animals that may wander through your property or have taken up residency on your property.
 - ◆ Dead animals found on your property.

** (Department of Natural Resources does not remove dead animals from your property. **
The property owner is responsible for the removal of all dead animals located on the property)

Nuisance animals on your property

We try to provide help for people who are dealing with nuisance wildlife on their property, however, it is not our role to remove nuisance wildlife from your property. We will only remove wildlife that we deem to be sick or injured.

If you're interested in the removal of a pest, there are licensed Pest Animal Control Companies that can be hired for the humane removal of certain nuisance wildlife. Relocating wildlife is ILLEGAL in Massachusetts. Please do not trap and release any wildlife from your property.