



LIVING IN HARMONY WITH WILDLIFE

Castle Pines Village is dedicated to a lifestyle in balance with nature. The abundant resident wildlife including elk, deer, foxes, coyotes, beaver, bobcats, bears, rabbits, racoons, rodents, snakes, squirrels, wild turkeys, birds of prey, and various song bird species etc., are an integral part of Castle Pines Village.

The Homes Association works closely with wildlife biologists and plant specialists to preserve the local important habitat and migration corridors. In coordination with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, a Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan has been developed. The Village *Wildlife Committee* advises the Castle Pines Homes Association Board regarding this plan, and answers residents' questions concerning Village wildlife. *Part of the privilege, responsibility, and stewardship residents assume by living in Castle Pines Village is minimizing conflict and avoiding abuse of wildlife.*

PROTECT YOUR PETS

Many wildlife residents (coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, bears, and birds of prey) will attack and kill cats and small dogs. Do not allow pets outside, unattended, especially at night. Electrified, invisible fences may keep pets inside a yard, but will not deter wild animals from entering. Wild animals are opportunistic and if they can see a pet as easy prey, they will take the opportunity.

Avoid attracting these animals by not feeding wildlife, not feeding pets outside, keeping pets secure and under control at all times, and keeping garbage in cans, inside a secure building. With the exception of feeding birds, feeding any wildlife on Castle Pines Village properties is prohibited. Feeding attracts prey species and predators, generating a safety risk to family and pets. Feeding creates unnatural wildlife behavior and balance. Although attacks on people are extremely rare, most known cases result when animals are fed and consequently lose their fear of humans. Ultimately, it is the wildlife that suffers.

ENFORCEMENT

Wildlife-oriented covenants and restrictions are vigorously enforced by Castle Pines Village Emergency Services and Castle Pines Homes Association. **Shooting, trapping or harassing wildlife is strictly prohibited.**

RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Castle Pines Village Emergency Service
(303) 688-6446 24 hr. - 7 days per week
Castle Pines Village Homes Association
(303) 814-1345 Kristy Nichols Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Colorado Division of Wildlife
(303) 291-7227 Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Comprehensive Wildlife Plan is available at:
www.castlepines.org
Castle Pines Village Homes Association
688 Happy Canyon Road, Castle Rock, CO

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