PROVIDING WILDLIFE RELATED FUNCTIONS IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

Department of Agriculture

County Department responsible for assisting citizens with small wildlife animal nuisance problems.

Department of Animal Care Services

Department primarily responsible for issues related to domestic animals, but can direct citizens who are dealing with a small and large wildlife animal nuisance problems to the Department of Agriculture or California Fish and Wildlife.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Performs nuisance animal exclusionary duties and tasks related to large wildlife (bears, mountain lions, coyotes, wild pigs etc.).

UC Cooperative Extension

Aids with education and research-based information on wildlife management.

Citizens can contact the Ag Department at (707) 234-6830 for assistance in dealing with vertebrate pests and wildlife nuisance animal problems.

Will consult with public & industry stakeholders and provide education & outreach resources.

AG DEPARTMENT

VERTEBRATE
PESTS &
SMALL NUISANCE
ANIMALS

Education & outreach resources include exclusion, deterrent & management practices; point out problems on property that attract small wildlife nuisance animals.

Explain what small wildlife nuisance animals or pests are capable of and the challenges of deterring them. Provide guidance & solutions to customers in resolving small nuisance animal and pest problems.

Explains how small wildlife nuisance animals are beneficial to the outdoor habitat.

Refers domestic animal & diseased animal issues and larger predatory wildlife calls to agency partners in Mendocino Animal Care Services, CDFW and UCCE.

Citizens can call Animal Care Services at (707-463-4427) for assistance with small & large wildlife nuisance Animal problems.

Animal Care Services will direct citizens that are needing assistance with small wildlife (skunks, racoons, opossums, bats, etc) nuisance animal problems to the Ag Department.

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Animal Care Services will direct citizens that are needing assistance with large wildlife (bears, mtn lions, bob cats, wild pigs, coyotes etc) nuisance problems to CA Fish & Wildlife.

Animal Care Services handles all the rabies testing for small wildlife animals such as (skunks, racoons, opossum, bats etc) for Mendocino County.

Customers can utilize the online "Incident Reporting" link on the CA Fish & Wildlife website or call 916-445-0411 to report the below variety of incidents.

CA FISH & WILDLIFE

LARGE NUISANCE
ANIMALS

Handle large wildlife (bears, mtn lions, wild pigs, coyotes etc) animal nuisance incidents requiring assistance and animal welfare incidents like – orphaned, sick, injured or displaced wildlife animals requiring assistance.

Handle general nuisance incidents with no significant property damage occurring and property damage incidents that wildlife has caused harm or damage to property, pets or livestock.

Handle perceived Public Safety incidents where a wildlife animal poses a possible threat to a human life or their safety.

Handle Public Safety incidents where a wildlife animal has injured a human, or a human injury may occur without intervention.

CDFW will provide onsite visits from a Human Wildlife Conflict Specialist when requested to assist in resolving a wildlife conflict.

CDFW educates and manages customers behavior.
Example – reducing garbage exposure and improved ways of containing pet food that are kept outdoors in the customers barns & sheds.

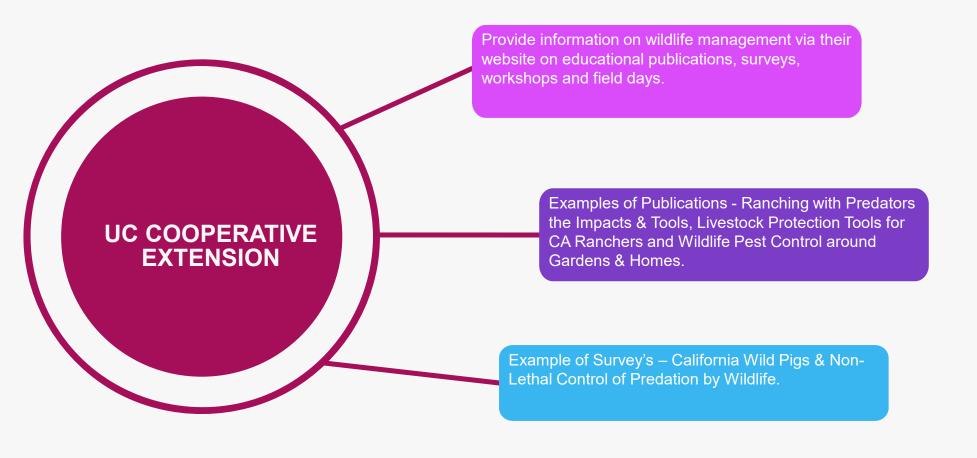
CA FISH & WILDLIFE

LARGE NUISANCE ANIMALS

CDFW sends follow up emails to customers and rarely do they get call backs from customers they have assisted.

Non-lethal methods are primarily used when dealing with large nuisance animals and are a priority to CDFW when resolving a wildlife conflict.

CDFW is the only agency permitted to issue a depredation permit for resolving a wildlife conflict.



Staff Recommendations

Partnering Departments collect calls for service metrics to further scope program needs.

Continue providing education and outreach to industry and public stakeholders.

Meet monthly with partnering departments to check-in.

Provide update to Board in 6 months.