



Animal Control Intake of Healthy Wildlife

It is the position of NACA that picking up, accepting, impounding or destroying healthy and treatable wildlife is a misuse of officer time and public funds and is not consistent with the humane mission of animal welfare organizations. Additionally, extermination of healthy wildlife [does not result](#) in long term human/animal conflict resolution. As an alternative to impounding and destroying healthy and treatable wildlife, NACA recommends animal control provide [education](#) on wild animals in the area as well as effective and humane methods to [deter and exclude](#) animals from homes, structures and targeted areas. It is further the position of NACA that, at every opportunity, officers should work to educate the public regarding humane coexistence with wildlife.

NACA recognizes some injured animals may need to be humanely euthanized by officers, as in the case of seriously injured deer. For injured, treatable animals, NACA recommends animal control agencies partner with reputable wildlife rehabilitation organizations so injured animals can be transported by animal control to a rehab center in cases when the animal's life may be saved.

References:

San Diego Humane Society [Coexisting With Wildlife](#) web page
Project Coyote recommendations for [Coexistence with Coyotes](#)
Science Daily [co-existing with wildlife](#) journal article
Humane Society [Wildlife Management](#) tools and guidelines