



# COEXISTING WITH CARNIVORES

The Carnivore Coexistence Action Team (CCAT)—a group of your Issaquah neighbors—is working to reduce human-wildlife conflicts through easy to implement strategies, to prevent these interactions and foster appreciation for local wildlife.

Bears, cougars, coyotes, bobcats, and raccoons are smart and resourceful animals, and will take advantage of easy-to-find foods.

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Wild carnivores need food, shelter, water, and safe places to travel and rest. Our homes often encroach on wildlife habitat, which leads to increased interactions with carnivores as they strive to find these necessary resources. They are doing their best to avoid us, unless they can't.

## **TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR WILDLIFE SAFE, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE TIPS:**

- Store garbage indoors or in bear-resistant garbage cans. Place outside on the morning of garbage pick-up.
- Hang bird and hummingbird feeders 10 feet off the ground and 10 feet from supports.
- Feed pets indoors and do not leave pet, livestock, or poultry feed outdoors.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and grease-free. Store inside if possible.
- Pick all ripe fruit promptly and clear the ground of fallen fruit.
- Enclose compost, fruit trees, beehives and chicken coops with chain link or electric fencing.
- Keep pets inside from dusk until dawn.

### **Questions?**

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### **For more information visit:**

[zoo.org/coexisting](http://zoo.org/coexisting)

### **Report sightings online:**

[carnivorespotter.org](http://carnivorespotter.org)

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