

Even in densely populated Pinellas County, a wide variety of **wildlife has made homes here.**

Alligators, foxes, raccoons and coyotes are just some of the animals that can be found in our open spaces, enjoying our natural ecosystem.



## The tragedy of feral animals

– domestic animals that have been abandoned – can also be found in our county. These cats and dogs should no longer be considered house pets, but wild animals.



**Remember**, feeding or attempting to handle these animals – no matter how cute or hungry they seem – can often result in more harm than good.

## Pinellas County codes forbid molesting, feeding, or releasing wild or non-native animals within Pinellas County.

This prohibition includes cats. A person convicted of a violation of this code shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not exceeding 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

For more information about our local wildlife, contact Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2100.



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# Living with Wildlife

Safely coexisting with wildlife in Pinellas County

