

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Living With Wildlife in Colorado

Because Colorado is home to a wide variety of wildlife, encounters between humans and animals happen frequently. Recently, moose have been spotted in several parts of Douglas County. While observing moose locally is unusual, it is not unusual to encounter other wildlife such as deer, elk, coyotes, bears, and even mountain lions.

The key to safe animal encounters is to respect the “wildness” of wildlife. Wildlife should be left alone, not harassed, captured, domesticated or fed.

If you have conflicts involving big game species, you should contact your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office. Before calling, read some of the articles on the website listed below to learn ways you can reduce the potential for conflicts with wildlife.

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/LivingwithWildlife/Pages/Livingwith.aspx>

If a wildlife conflict poses immediate danger for the animal or people in the area call your local CPW office, or your local law enforcement agency (if it's an emergency dial 911). Please do not call if the conflict is simply “nuisance” in nature.

The two CPW offices closest to Douglas County are:

- The Denver Office 303-291-7227**
- The Colorado Springs Office 719-227-5200**

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