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Dear Freehold Borough Residents,

In recent weeks, residents have been sighting more wildlife than normal, including skunks and raccoons. Sharing space with wildlife can be challenging at times, for both humans and wildlife. However, many human-wildlife conflicts can be reduced or eliminated by taking simple steps to coexist with our wild neighbors.

Following these steps will make your home less attractive to wildlife. They will see your home as being less of a place to hang around, and more of a place to just pass by.

- 1. Keep your yard free of garbage: the more rubbish and garbage there is in your yard, the more you are going to attract wildlife to your property. Keep all garbage can lids on. Spray any garbage in plastic bags with ammonia or bleach when left outside.
- 2. You need to ensure that pet food remains indoors at all times and most especially during the night. Wild animals love to feed on these and leaving it outside can actually encourage them to come into your property.

This means, do not feed outside cats.

This is a caring community where all residents feel proud to live. Not following the above recommendations may create a problem for our friends and neighbors.

Animal Control Officers typically are unable to physically respond to nuisance wildlife calls, except in the case of an abused or injured animal.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Animal Control