

Keep Your Animals Safe Around **BEARS, COYOTES,** and **PANTHERS**

Follow these tips to prevent conflicts:

- 🐾 Keep pets and livestock inside or properly penned. If left outside, provide total containment (secured roof, sides, doors, and bottom).
- 🐾 Keep pet food and trash in a closed garage, barn, sturdy shed, or bear-resistant container.
- 🐾 Consider carrying bear spray or an air horn when walking your dog. Use a non-retractable leash for better control.
- 🐾 At night, use motion lighting and make noise to scare wildlife away before letting dogs out. Keep them in the lit area.
- 🐾 Do not release a pet to chase bears, coyotes, or panthers away. Wildlife may respond defensively.
- 🐾 Do not get between a dog and a bear, coyote, or panther. Instead, use a hose or bear spray from a safe distance.
- 🐾 If a bear, coyote, or panther turns its attention to you, convince them you are a danger to be avoided. **DO NOT RUN.** Stay upright. Raise and wave your arms to look bigger and speak to the animal in a loud, assertive voice.

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