

Wildlife Safety for Short-Term Rentals in Boulder County

License No. _____

Leave the wildlife wild and alive

You probably came partly to see some wildlife, and Boulder County is home to a great diversity of species including black bear, elk, deer, moose, mountain lion, marmot (like a groundhog), and bighorn sheep. It can be exciting to view these creatures, but it is important to do so at a safe distance. Most harmful encounters with wildlife occur because people fail to leave animals alone. Do not feed or approach wildlife and take care not to leave any food or scraps outdoors (including for pets).

Avoid conflicts between pets and wildlife

Many species of wildlife in the Rocky Mountains do not get along with household pets and can become aggressive if threatened. For the safety of your pets, and wildlife, keep pets on a leash or otherwise under your control at all times.

Never feed a bear, even unintentionally

Bears have an excellent sense of smell and a great memory, so inadvertently allowing one to eat your trash can be a death sentence for the bear. To avoid this, secure your trash and ONLY put trash out the morning of pickup. Keep grills clean, feed pets indoors, and only feed birds during winter.

Stay away from moose

Moose are great to watch from afar, but up-close moose are potentially the most dangerous of any species. Always keep your distance and NEVER let dogs bark at or chase moose! Moose may charge and attack aggressively if you or your dog get too close. If a moose charges, run and get behind a tree or something large.



Mountain lions live here, too

Mountain lions (cougars) share the landscape with us and typically stay away from people. To avoid conflict, keep pets on a leash and supervise children. Be extra cautious at dusk and dawn.

If you see a lion, stand your ground and do not run away. If it approaches, talk firmly, wave your arms and back away slowly. In the extremely rare case of an attack, fight back aggressively and don't stop until you drive the lion away! Feeding deer and other wildlife is illegal and can attract lions and other predators.

For non-life-threatening emergencies, please contact the Local Manager:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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