

DO'S



Do maintain a safe distance from animals and respect their space (even if they are approaching you!).

Do keep an eye out for animals crossing the road. If it's safe for both parties, help move the animal across the road in the direction it is trying to go.



DON'TS

Don't take an animal home or move it from its natural habitat. Moving an animal (even short distances) or taking it home can cause it harm, and in some cases, it's illegal.



Don't feed wild animals. This can lead to animal dependency on humans, can decrease the animal's ability to take care of itself, or cause the animal to not get the proper food/nutrition it needs.



WHEN SHOULD I REPORT SOMETHING?

When you experience or witness an animal interaction, ask yourself the following questions...

1. Did the animal look like it was actively in distress?
Yes No
2. Did any animal become injured because of this interaction? Signs of injury may include: limping, dragging limbs/wings, or obvious wounds.
Yes No
3. Was any person or animal's safety put at risk over this interaction?
Yes No
4. Was there any illegal or suspicious behavior witnessed?
Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, scan the QR code to find out who to contact:

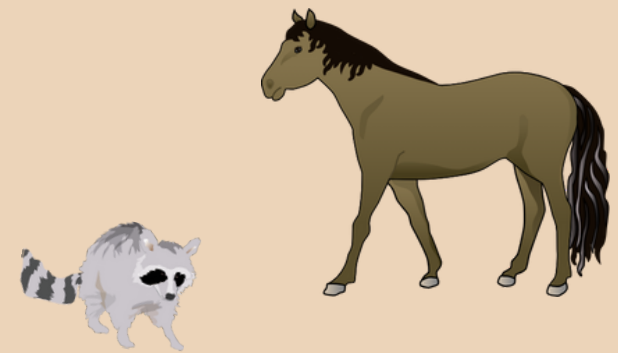


SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- The difference between an animal that is and is not in distress
- Who to contact/ report an animal emergency to
- Animals you may encounter and what behaviors are normal throughout the year
- Resources to help you ID an animal
- Animal rescue and rehab information
- Common wildlife diseases and their symptoms



Maryland Coastal Bays' GUIDE TO ANIMAL ETIQUETTE



How to treat wildlife with respect and know what to look out for



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