

Moving Wildlife is Harmful (...and ineffective ...and illegal)



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- Never move an animal because you think it would be better off somewhere else.
- The animal may try to return to its original area and is likely to be hit by a vehicle or otherwise killed while trying to return.
- A relocated animal will have a more difficult time finding food, water and shelter in an unfamiliar area. If those are hard to find or not available, the animal will probably die.
- If food, water and shelter *are* available, chances are the area is already home to other members of the same species. They will not welcome the newcomer.
- If the relocated animal is carrying a disease, it may spread that disease to other animals in the new area.
- If your area is attractive to this species and you move an individual out, others will simply move in.
- If the animal being moved has lost its fear of humans, moving it simply transfers the problem to someone else.
- If there is a problem, moving the animal does **NOT** address the *cause* of the problem. If the *cause* of the problem is not addressed, it will re-occur.

Contact DFW for suggestions about *preventing and resolving* conflicts with wildlife.

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