



Coexistence Pledge

New York City is home to more than 8.5 million people and hundreds of different animal species. Living together in such a small space can make coexistence between humans and wildlife difficult at times. However, there are choices you can make to minimize problems with wildlife and keep them, yourself, and your pets safe.

Coexisting with wildlife means living peacefully and respectfully alongside them. Coexistence helps wildlife maintain their independence while also ensuring that people are not negatively affected by wildlife and their natural behaviors. By pledging to coexist with New York City's wildlife, you can help create a healthy, peaceful future for the many species that call the city home. Your personal pledge can include promising to:

- **Avoid feeding wildlife.**
- **Appreciate wildlife from a safe distance.**
- **Call 311 if you see a sick or injured animal.**
- **Vaccinate pets against rabies.**
- **Keep pets leashed and supervised.**
- **Pick up trash and litter to keep wildlife habitats safe and clean.**
- **Share NYC's parks and beaches with local wildlife.**
- **Seal openings in homes and buildings that wildlife can enter through.**
- **Learn more about urban wildlife and urban wildlife issues, and help educate others.**

To learn more about NYC's wildlife and how to coexist with them, visit nyc.gov/wildlife and share with your friends!