#### Alligators

The American Alligator, found at Camp Lejeune, is a protected species. Alligators have been spotted in many of the installation's creeks, rivers and ponds.

#### **Living with Alligators**

- They will normally not bother you if left alone.
- Give them plenty of space.
- Do not feed any alligators.
- Notify the proper officials if there is an issue with an alligator.



#### Snakes

#### **Snake Benefits**

Snakes eat many rodent species that would otherwise become over abundant.

#### **Living with Snakes**

- Keep the lawn well maintained, low in height and wood piles neatly stacked.
- Remove objects from yard that would be shelter for rodents and snakes.
- Wear boots, pants, and gloves when outdoors, in snake prone areas.
- Be aware of where you step.
- Do not reach under logs or debris without checking first.
- When camping, check inside your shoes, clothes and sleeping bag before use.
- Leave snakes alone and give them their space.

#### **DO NOT KILL SNAKES!!!**



Pests Rats, mice, insects

#### Wild Animals

Snakes, raccoons, opossums, foxes, skunks, bats, birds, bears, alligators, and other wildlife



**All Domestic Animal Control Issues** 451-5143

> **Pests or Wild Animals in PPV Housing Areas**

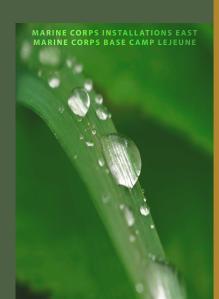
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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

**Pests Outside of PPV Housing Areas** 451-5794

> Wild Animals Outside of **PPV Housing Areas CLJN LWRS@USMC.MIL** 451-5226

# LIVING WITH WILDLIFE AT **CAMP LEJEUNE**



# Who ya'gonna call?





### The Wildlife that Call Camp Lejeune "Home" are Best Left Alone...

- A wild animal is not a threat if it's living in the adjacent forest, it regularly passes through your yard or near your home.
- Wild animals live here and we share their home. Laws, regulations, and policy require MCB Camp Lejeune to act as a good steward of wildlife.
- Wild animals may only be relocated or euthanized if they are aggressive or a true threat to life or property.



- Many wild animals leave their offspring unattended on purpose. For example, does leave fawns for hours at a time, and adult birds may kick their young out of the nest. Even if an animal appears to be abandoned, most likely it is not – let nature take its course.
- Birds and their young are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. They should not be removed or relocated.
- Keep pet cats indoors and don't feed feral cats. Cats hunt wildlife and kill millions of birds each year.
- Do not attract, capture or poison wildlife contact the appropriate officials for assistance.



# Easy Steps for Limiting Negative Interactions with Wildlife

NEVER feed wildlife, intentionally or unintentionally. Fed wildlife can become reliant on and aggressive toward humans.

KEEP OUR WILDLIFE WILD!

Unsecured garbage = an easy meal for wildlife. It is everyone's responsibility to secure their garbage cans. Use bungee cords, bricks, cinder blocks, etc.

3

Bird feeders attract squirrels and other wildlife. Squirrels chew up decks, tires, and vehicle wiring. Use "squirrel-proof" feeders or none at all.

4

Snakes like shady, cool places. Don't leave boards, planks or other big items in your yard AND cut your grass regularly.