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Wild Neighbors: The Humane Approach to Living with Wildlife



Good fences make good neighbors—sometimes—but what are homeowners to do when a neighbor burrows under their white picket nicety and camps in their garden? Or ransacks their garbage and strews trash across the lawn? Or takes up rent-free residence in their chimney?

These are a just a few of the difficulties people often encounter when wildlife move to town—or more accurately, when human development encroaches on wilderness. But a new edition of *Wild Neighbors*, by director John Hadidian and other staff of The Humane Society

of the United States' Urban Wildlife Program, provides advice on how to defuse these potentially hairy conflicts. *Wild Neighbors* serves as a thorough homeowner's manual for those who've got a few bats in the belfry or 'coons in the chimney, addressing more than 35 wildlife species and the human-animal conflicts they present. The book helps readers identify a wildlife problem, determine the animal causing it, and take a humane approach to solving the problem and keeping it from reoccurring. *Wild Neighbors* offers insight into species' habits, classification, and range, as well as associated public health concerns.

The first part of the book highlights some of the questionable and inappropriate practices and products used by many mainstream "pest control" services, and suggests healthier and more humane methods that will better serve homeowners, wildlife, and the environment. The second section alphabetizes and unravels the mysteries of some of North America's most notorious outdoor bandits, from alligators and armadillos to woodchucks and woodpeckers.

Wild Neighbors (283 pages, \$27.95) is a straightforward, informative, enjoyable read that can turn almost any hair-pulling natural dilemma into a walk in the park. It can be ordered online at humanesocietypress.org. AS

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