

# The Critter Chronicle

Living with Urban Wildlife in Agoura Hills

Spring, 2019

## Our Urban Wildlife

It's **baby season!** Here's some information for you on coexisting with urban wildlife when spring is in the air.

### Birds

Many birds nest in the spring. **Fledglings birds** have feathers but **cannot fly**. You will see these birds on the ground. **Juvenile crows** spend time on the ground under the watch of their parents. Please ask children not to chase them. **Use caution** with **domestic pets** and **backyard activities**.

### Rabbits

**Rabbits** breed and build nests in **spring and early summer**. **Rabbits** leave their young for **long periods of time**. If you come across a **nest of baby rabbits** and worry if they are abandoned, **crisscross the nest** with a couple of strands of thin string. If the **string is moved out**, the mother is returning to the nest.

### Coyotes

**Coyotes** give birth the **middle of April**. Please **abide by our park rules regarding off-leashed pets**. Protective mothers need their space. You may see more coyotes at this time so **be careful** when walking small dogs in our neighborhoods. Carry a whistle or a can filled with coins **to haze coyotes**.

### Squirrels

The stork will deliver baby squirrels from **March to June**. Keep your tree trimming to **late fall and early winter**. Tree trimming could disturb **nests and babies**.

To Learn More: Visit the **California Wildlife Center** and the **Nature Neighbor** sites: <http://cawildlife.org/animal-resources/> and <https://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/management/nature-neighbor-project.htm>

We've got more Critter Chronicles for you to read: <https://poisonfreeagoura.com/information-and-resources>

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### California Wildlife Center (CWC)

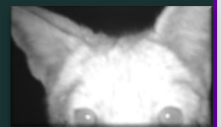
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We are fortunate to have a wildlife and rehabilitation facility near Old Agoura. Check out the CWC's [FAQ page](#) for answers to wildlife questions. The wild animal you are inquiring about may not need rescuing or it may be an animal the center does not take. [California Wildlife Center](#)

DON'T BE SHY! SHARE YOUR PHOTOS OF AGOURA HILLS WILDLIFE WITH US on Coexisting with Agoura Hills Urban Wildlife!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/310295973081630/>

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# Poison Free Agoura - What's New?



**Left:** Carolyn Trocino, **Center:** Adrienne Manhan, **Right:** Nona Green **Camera and film editing:** Sally Bartel

## Recognition of Agoura Hills businesses.

Thank you, **West Valley Horse Center** for not using rodent poisons in your rodent-prevention practices.

Thank you for not selling rodent poisons.

Do you own a business we can recognize? Please contact us at [PoisonFreeAgouraToday@gmail.com](mailto:PoisonFreeAgouraToday@gmail.com)

Poison Free Agoura is a project under **Social And Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE)**. SEE is a 501 [c] (3) nonprofit organization. We are an extension of SEE's mission. SEE is our fiscal sponsor. To learn more about us, please visit <https://poisonfreeagoura.com/>

## Poison Free Agoura

**Vision:** To live in a city where children, domestic pets, and urban wildlife are safe from the danger of rodent poisons.

**Mission:** To provide education to members of our community and help them identify safe alternatives to rodent poisons.

**Mantra:** We're for People, Pets, and Pumas.

# The Dole Great Race - Visit Us At Booth # 7050

Poison Free Agoura  
Poison Free Malibu



See RED instead!  
Repel, Exclude, Deter



Keep me safe by using alternatives to rodent poisons.

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**REPEL**  
Plant mint varieties, lavender, rosemary, sage, marigolds, snapdragons, or geraniums.

**EXCLUDE**  
Seal up buildings, keep garbage can lids tightly closed, maintain a tightly-closed barbecue, and keep your garage doors closed.

**DETER**  
Remove trash, ivy, bird seed, and fallen fruit.



Glue traps "trap" more than rats!

4,000 racers at the Dole Great Race will receive our postcard in their goodie bags!

Our race team will be wearing red tank tops. Send us an email if you want to run with our team.

Can't make it? Remember to see RED (Repel, Exclude, and Deter)

Our wildlife thanks you!

# Take the Pledge!

Do you want to take the pledge to break the poison chain? Visit us at our Great Race booth and sign up to take the pledge.

Cheer us on. If you want to carry a Protect our Wildlife sign while standing or sitting along the 10K course or if you want to place a sign in front of your house. Contact: [PoisonFreeAgouraToday@gmail.com](mailto:PoisonFreeAgouraToday@gmail.com)

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