

# The Critter Chronicle

Fall, 2019

The "Critter Chronicle" is a quarterly newsletter designed to provide you with information on best practices for coexisting with urban wildlife in Agoura Hills!

## Overflowing Trash Cans

### Food attracts rats and other wildlife.

Food trash is not a good food source for wild animals. It is important to keep the blue trash cans closed and not overstuffed on or before trash day. **Not only does trash attract rats**, wild animals can tip over trash cans and carry trash to other locations.



Please contact **Waste Management** for options. <https://www.wm.com/us/en/home/residential-home>

## Crows

Crows travel in families, have a fan-shaped tail (rounded), produce a caw sound, and have a refined beak.



## Ravens

Ravens travel in pairs, have a wedge-shaped tail, produce a croaking sound, have large, shaggy throat feathers, and have heavier bills.



Hear the difference! Photo credit (right) NPS

Source: Bird Note (learn more about crows and ravens) <https://www.birdnote.org/show/ravens-and-crows-who-who>

**Trivia Question: What bird are you most likely to see eating out of an overflowing trash bin?**

**A: Crow B: Raven (see next page for answer).**

- **Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019**
- **Time: 3:00 – 5:00**
- **Place: Agoura Bible Fellowship Church**
- **5564 Foothill Drive, Agoura Hills, CA 91301**

RSVP: <https://www.oldagoura.org/coexist-with-wildlife>

## Coexist with Urban Wildlife Event

Please join us for an informative presentation facilitated by Cathy Schoonmaker, Urban Wildlife Specialist, Santa Monica Mountains (SAMO) Fund, and Carolyn Trocino, Director, Poison Free Agoura, Director, Urban Wildlife Education & Communication, Old Agoura Homeowners.



**Hold off on trimming trees!**



Squirrels have kits in the spring and fall months. Keep the squirrel babies safe! Wait until the winter to trim your trees!

## California Wildlife Center

We are fortunate to have the California Wildlife Center so close to Agoura Hills. If you find a wild animal that needs help, call the center at **(310) 458-WILD (9453)** before bringing the animal to the center.



# Poison Free Agoura

[PoisonFreeAgoura.com](http://PoisonFreeAgoura.com)

**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.

*We are a team of dedicated Agoura residents who are passionate about people, pets, and urban wildlife!*



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Link to website: <https://poisonfreeagoura.com/>

## Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) Rodent Poison—No antidote

Here is information on a rodent poison that has **no antidote!** Keep your pets safe and use alternatives to rodent poisons.

**Ask your veterinarian about poisons and know the locations of emergency veterinarian hospitals.**

**D. Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC, DABT comments on the danger of D3 ingestion.**

"As an emergency critical care veterinary specialist, this is my most hated type of poisoning. Only a small amount can result in severe poisoning in both dogs and cats. This type of mouse and rat poison results in an increased amount of calcium in the body, leading to kidney failure. Unfortunately, this type has no antidote, and is very expensive to treat, as pets typically need to be hospitalized for 3-7 days on aggressive therapy."

<https://drjustinelee.com/mouse-rat-poisoning-dogs-dr-justine-lee/>

**For information on alternatives to rodent poisons and identification of types of poisons:**

PoisonFreeAgoura.com, PoisonFreeMalibu.org, Samofund.org, UrbanCarnivores.com, RaptorsaretheSolution.org, Clawonline.org, Cawildlife.org

Pet Poison Hotline: (855) 764-7661

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888)426-4435

## Poison Free Agoura Schedule

Event	Date
Coexist with Wildlife Event	September 15, 2019
Reyes Adobe Days	October 12, 2019
P-22 Day	October 19, 2019
Old Agoura BBQ	November 2, 2019
Malibu Half Marathon	November 3, 2019

## Poison Free Agoura Fundraiser 9/10 –9/17

Help us continue our efforts to bring education to our community about alternatives to rat poisons. We can do it with your help! Visit our website to learn more about alternatives to rodent poisons:

Link to purchase shirts: [Fundraiser](#)



50% RPET (made from recycled plastic water bottles)

50% Organic Cotton

Six colors to choose from

Page 1 answer = Crows (Ravens prefer woodlands)