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PG DEER AWARENESS/RESOURCE 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION:
**TO ADVOCATE FOR THE SAFETY
OF OUR NATIVE DEER
IN PACIFIC GROVE
THROUGH EDUCATION
AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Presented: August 21, 2024



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- **Pacific Grove Is home to black-tailed deer, a species native to Monterey County** and they have adaptive strategies that allow them to use human spaces for their own needs.
- The start of rutting season generally begins in **mid-October** and lasts through early **December**. The rut can also start as early as the end of **September**.
- The rut is the peak-breeding season for deer, their behavior changes. Rutting activities include rubbing their antlers on trees and rocks causing the velvet covering to come off. They will also spar with each other to establish dominance.
- **Does often go into heat within a consistent 24–72 hour period each year. The buck will stay with the doe for 1-3 days and then leave.**



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They do care

The process by Urban Trapping Wildlife Control for removal:

- ** They examine and photograph the carcass
- ** They remove the carcass
- ** Disinfect the area and surrounding ground where the carcass was lying
- ** They contact the local CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the carcass
- ** If requested, will transport the carcass to the local CDFW
- ** CDFW may have a necropsy done to determine cause of death
- ** If warranted those results are sent to the State
- ** Urban Trapping Wildlife Control then completes a report

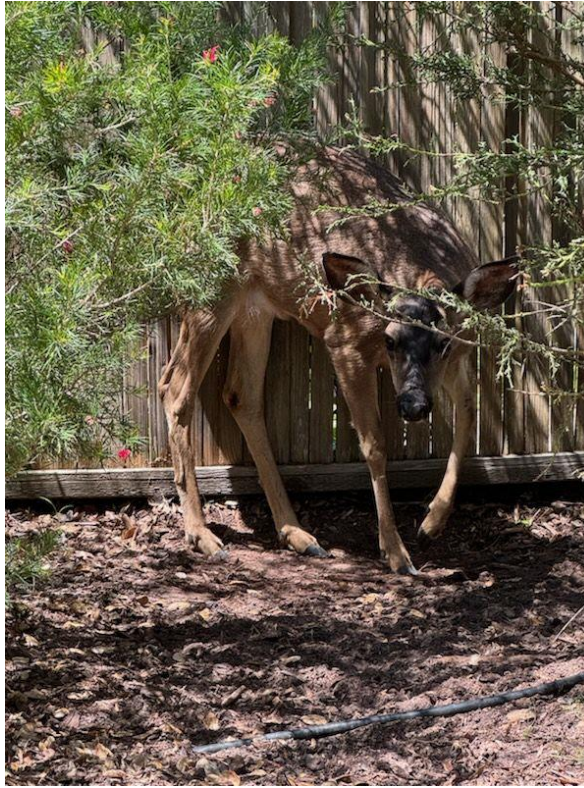


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These are two separate does that stood by while their fawn was taken away. Both had been hit by vehicles.

This young buck just showed up and hung around for a couple of weeks. He was monitored by the residents at Canterbury Woods, Urban Trapping, CA Department of Fish & Wildlife, and PG Deer Awareness/Resource. He had been hit by a vehicle and his entire rack was crushed. The poor guy died a few days later in a nearby yard.

CREATING PUBLIC AWARENESS

20A The Carmel Pine Cone April 19, 2024

Group pays for removal of dead deer

By KELLY NIX

A DEER advocacy group is partnering with a wildlife specialist to remove deer carcasses from residential properties in Pacific Grove at no charge.

The group, P.G. Deer Awareness, advocates for the protection of the animals through education and outreach. Based on an inventory the group started taking in 2021, the deer population has grown dramatically, from 82 in 2022 to 173 in 2023.

The number of deaths has also increased, which can present a conundrum for homeowners who come across a dead deer on their properties, according to the group, headed by former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia and Renee Nesper.

The nonprofit has come up with a solution, and it won't cost homeowners a cent.

No charge

In March, it "entered into an agreement with Dan Burton of Urban Trapping Wildlife Control," Garcia told The Pine Cone. "As a result, P.G. Deer Awareness now provides a free service to deceased deer from private properties."

Burton told The Pine Cone that since January, he's removed six deer in the city,

including one Tuesday night. The deer awareness group pays him for the removals. Deer usually die from illnesses, old age or vehicle collisions.

According to Burton, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will test the deer carcasses for chronic wasting disease, a highly contagious and 100 percent fatal illness that has not yet been detected in California.

"If chronic wasting disease infected our local P.G. deer herds, it would decimate the population," Burton said.

Wide berth

Meanwhile, Garcia reminded residents that fawning season has arrived and to watch out for the little ones. Protective mothers have been known to charge people in Pacific Grove, so it's important to give the does and their young ones a wide berth.

"Please stay away if you happen to come across them," she said. "If you see a doe standing in the middle of a street, most likely she has a fawn in that general area and is protecting it from intruders."

To have a deer carcass removed from private property in Pacific Grove, call Garcia at (831) 251-8118, or email at cg54@comcast.net.

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Website: pgdeerawareness/resource.org
Facebook: pgdeerawareness/resource

PG DEER AWARENESS RESOURCE WELCOMES EVERYONE TO THE 2024 CAR WEEK

Pacific Grove's fawning season is wrapping up. We ask that you drive carefully while visiting. Please keep in mind if you see one deer there are likely more around it. Our fawns are walking and playing around now. They are not quite tuned into moving vehicles, so please drive carefully. We thank you for caring and wish you all a wonderful time during the 2024 Car Week.

PG Chamber SPOTLIGHT

PGCOC has a FB following of 20k and 11k on Instagram. The Spotlight has a distribution of 800. You can search us on their website and our website will populate.

PG Chamber SPOTLIGHT

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM PG DEER AWARENESS



Fawning season is projected to begin **mid April and run until July**. Our first reported birth last year was on April 13, 2023. Deer are very generational, so, if you had fawns born in your yard or in nearby neighborhoods, does will return to give birth. As a reminder, if you see a fawn by itself, do not panic. The mother is out foraging and will return. Please drive carefully and be on the lookout during this very special period of time.

ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT!!

PG Deer Awareness/Resource has entered into an agreement with Urban Trapping Wildlife Control for the removal of deceased Deer from **PRIVATE PROPERTY** in PACIFIC GROVE. There is no charge for this service. Contact **(831) 251-8118** or email cg54@comcast.net if you need this service.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT GO NEAR THE DECEASED DEER. FYI...DEER THAT ARE INJURED AND MOBILE CANNOT BE CAPTURED AND/OR TRANSPORTED.

Fawns and doe grazing in Pacific Grove PHOTO SOURCE: Carmelita Garcia

PG Deer Awareness Resource
Our Mission is to Advocate for the safety of our Native Deer in Pacific Grove through Education and Public Outreach



PG Deer Awareness Resource is a Non-Profit organization. Tax ID 59-3250295
Donations can be sent to P.G.O. Box 91903 Pacific Grove, CA 93950



Contact PG Deer Awareness Resource for free removal of deceased deer from **PRIVATE PROPERTY** in PACIFIC GROVE (831) 251-8118

PLEASE BE AWARE OF OUR DEER AND DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY ESPECIALLY AT DUSK AND DAWN



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Autumn (late October - November) is deer mating season and deer are likely to be more active.

Spring (April - June) is when fawns are born. Does become extremely protective this time of year, especially when they sense danger. If you encounter a spotted doe, change your direction and walk away. Avoid taking their fawn to nearby.

Do not wear "blatant" jeans. Mothers (and babies) only have a day or so to see and hear fawns. Blatant jeans are typically NOT helpful.

A fawned day is a red flag. Keeping them around makes the chance of a negative wildlife experience.

Contact Pacific Grove Police Department (831) 448-2143 for removal of deceased deer from **PUBLIC PROPERTY**.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

May 16, 2024 we provided a presentation to the residents at Canterbury Woods. Dan Burton with Urban Trapping Wildlife and Control presented information about the process they take in removing deer carcass from private property. Renee Nesper presented information regarding deer resistant plants.

We will be presenting this annual report to the residents of Canterbury Woods on September 4, 2024.

In June 2024 we distributed a total of 671 rack cards to:
23 local hospitality establishments (including the Asilomar Conference Grounds)
5 business (those that had areas for display)
Pacific Grove Tourists Information Center
Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Grove Library
City Hall
Asilomar State Parks Office



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2022 and 2023, we participated at the Monterey Bay Charter School May Day Festival.

2023 and 2024, we participated at the Good Ol' Days.

2023 and 2024, we participated in the annual National Night Out hosted by the Pacific Grove Police Department.

MOVING FORWARD

Our major goal for the 2024-2025 fawning season, is contacting as many as we can, major delivery services/companies that services Pacific Grove, including but not limited to:

UPS, AMAZON, FED EX, USPS, DHL, GREEN WASTE, CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, LANDSCAPING COMPANIES, TREE SERVICE COMPANIES, UBER, INSTACART, DOORDASH, TAXI, ROOFING, LYFT

We plan to achieve this goal by contacting these companies and arranging a “Meet and Greet” to provide information about Pacific Grove’s Native Deer. Letters will be sent, use of social media, and we will approach local papers to print articles regarding the fawning season. Our presence at the Monday Farmer’s Market, Good Ol’ Days, and other events will continue.

Another goal is to raise funds for narrative signage for residents and tourists alike to learn about our deer. Signs could be placed in areas where deer are commonly seen.



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Image Credit Ron Henry

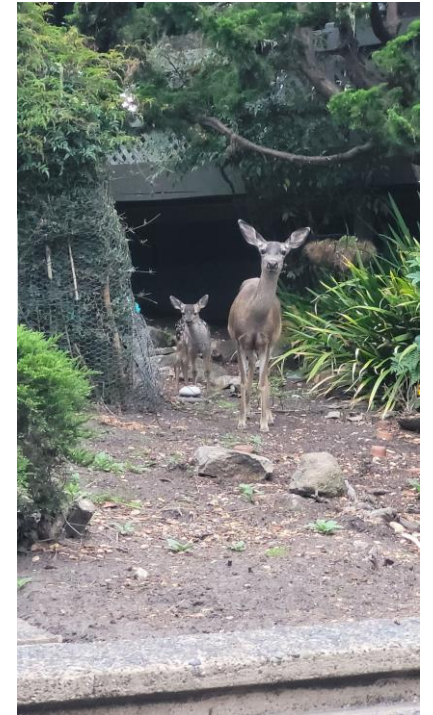


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CAUSE OF DEATH

LUNGWORM

IT'S A PARASITE

Adult deer are somewhat resistant, but they can still get lungworm if they are stressed or don't have good nutrition.

Lungworm can cause health issues and even death in deer.

Deer can get lungworm by eating infective larvae that are passed in the feces of other deer.

The larvae can also be found on pasture or in snails and slugs that deer eat.

In severe cases, the worms can become so abundant that they make it difficult for the deer to breathe, a condition known as "lungworm pneumonia". This can and most often develops into Chronic Wasting Disease.

Once consumed, the larvae pass through the deer's stomach and intestines, and then migrate to the lungs through the lymphatic and blood systems.

In the lungs, the larvae develop into adult worms that live in the airways and lay eggs.

The eggs are then coughed up and swallowed by the deer, where they hatch into larvae and are passed in their feces again.

Deer that are weaned in the fall are most susceptible to lungworm because they haven't yet developed immunity, and the autumn environment is favorable for the parasite's survival.

STATS FOR THE 2023-2024 RUTTING/FAWNING SEASON
AND COMPARISON

2023	DOE	87	BUCK	38	SINGLE FAWNS	16	SETS OF TWINS	16 (32)	TOTAL # FAWNS	48
2024	DOE	132	BUCK	32	SINGLE FAWNS	46	SETS OF TWINS	23 (46)	TOTAL # FAWNS	90
GROWTH		+45		-6		+ 30		+7		+42

REPORTED DEATHS

DOE	11
BUCK	3
FAWNS	10

ACTUAL GROWTH TOTALS FOR 2024

DOE	+34
BUCK	-9
FAWNS	+80

The food source for the deer this year was scarce. Natural habitat like yards that the deer rely on for a food source are disappearing due to construction (old and new). Tall fences are being built that keep deer out of yards.

Pacific Grove has the highest mortality rate in all of Monterey County.

**Well, here is your
typical deer family
meandering on the
rocks!!**

**These deer are so
lucky to live in such a
beautiful place!!**



Image Credit Christene Johnson

THANK YOU

PG Deer Awareness/Resource wishes to thank everyone in the community for helping us help our local deer. We feel we are making strides in educating our residents and tourists alike about our local deer and how to live among them in a friendly way.

To all of you who have taking your time to share your beautiful, funny, and heartwarming photographs on social media with us THANK YOU.

Thank you to the City for allowing us to share our experience with you.