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It is That Time of the Year...

By J.T. Taylor, ACCA Instructor

...Baby Season

It is that time of the year, the late spring and early summer when babes are born, and wildlife is being seen more out in the open. Especially prominent this time of the year is the increased number of bear and fawn sightings. While many animal care and control organizations do not respond to wildlife calls for service, unless the wild animal is in the living area of someone's home, that does not stop the citizens of our communities from calling us every time they see something unusual.

Most of our respective states have a Department of Conservation or Fish and Game or other similar title, which is charged in part with responding to complaints regarding the state's wild animals. Many animal control officers generally refer wildlife complaints to these state officials; however, it is often better for us to be able to at least provide education and advice when we receive the

complaint. This time of the year, our offices get many more calls regarding sightings of black bears and fawns, accompanied by questions of what to do.

Bear can be found in nearly all parts of the country, but the increase in bear sightings in the late spring and early summer does not necessarily translate to an increase in the numbers of bears in the area. Male bear cubs will remain with their mother for about a year and a half, with the mothers driving them out of the den in the late spring. They do this to begin making room for new cubs to be born and to force the males to find a territory of their own. This causes the young males to be more active, as they seek new territory, which results in more humans seeing them out exploring.

It is hard to say if sightings grouped in one geographical area are the same bear or different bears being sighted since many states do not participate in bear

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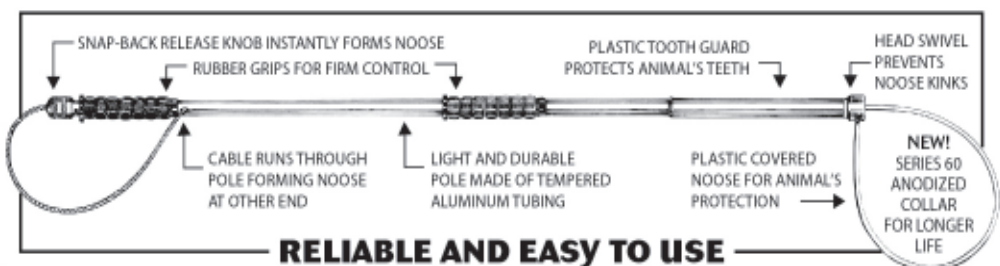
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tracking; however, the explanation and advice to callers should be consistently the same. Residents with spring roaming bears should be advised not to approach the bears or attempt to “drive them out” of the area. They should secure their sheds, barns, garages and the like, as they might be perceived as a new den by the young bears. Trash cans should have lids securely closed and trash should not be placed out for disposal until the morning of the scheduled pickup.

White tail deer will be birthing their fawn in the late spring. These younglings will be taking their first steps and will not be far from their mothers at first, but by early summer, the mother’s may be leaving their offspring for up to hours at a time. Often the fawn will remain in the concealed location where their mothers left them, but occasionally they will begin to explore their surroundings. This exploration will often bring them into open areas where humans will more easily see them.



Again, callers should be advised to leave the fawn alone. Although it might appear that the baby is motherless, it is more likely that the mother has left the fawn temporarily and will return. Even fawn that appear to be sick or injured should be left alone.

Often, state wildlife agents will not respond to complaints called in regarding young animals that appear to be alone, and in some cases, human interference could result in violation of state wildlife laws. It is human nature to want to protect the young fawns that appear to be motherless, or to be afraid of bears suddenly roaming in residential areas. This time of year, both bear and fawn can be found roaming in downtown areas of communities. By midsummer, these trends should be over and these animals will be seen less and less. In the meantime, animal care and control professionals should educate their residents when they receive complaints about any baby animals.



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Hosted by the Alabama Animal Control Association

July 18-20, 2022 - Mobile, Alabama

Schedule of Training: Advanced Case Supervision; Basic Budget Planning; Disciplinary Investigations; Equipment, Vehicles and Operational Needs; Evaluating Staff; Interviewing and Selection; Managing Generational Employees; Meetings: Individual, Specific Groups, Entire Staff; Policy and Procedures: Review and Development; Pushing Paperwork: Reports, Memos and Correspondence; Supervising Daily Operations; Training and Staff Development; Transition from Staff to Supervisor; Workplace Harassment and Violence

Advanced ACO/HLEO Certification Course

Hosted by Kern County Animal Services

August 1-5, 2022 - Bakersfield, California

Schedule of Training: Animal Control and the Criminal Justice System; Proactive Animal Control; Animal Attack Investigation and Reporting; Officer Safety in the Field; Animal Crime Scene Photography, Videography and Sketching; Animal Hoarding Investigations; Using Forensics in Animal Cruelty Investigations; Obtaining and Executing Search Warrants; Illegal Animal Fighting; Livestock and Exotic Animal Investigations

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August 8-10, 2022 - Clarksville, Tennessee

Schedule of Training: Animal Care in a Sheltering Environment; Animal Disposition Options; Animal Identification: Breed and Description; Animal Shelter Maintenance; Animal Shelter Record-Keeping; Canine and Feline Behaviors and Assessments; Disease Exposures in a Sheltering Environment; Emergency Animal Sheltering; Proactive Animal Sheltering

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification

Hosted by the Springfield - Greene County Health Department

August 15-18, 2022 - Springfield, Missouri

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Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

Hosted by the Turlock Police Department

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Basic Animal Control Officer Certification

Hosted by Jasper County Animal Control

August 29 – September 1, 2022 - Rensselaer, Indiana

Schedule of Training: Laws and Enforcement Procedures; Interpersonal Communication; Officer Safety and Protection; Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations; Evidence Law and Collection; Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing; Canine Behavior and Aggressive Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification

Hosted by the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County

September 12-15, 2022 - Crawfordsville, Indiana

Schedule of Training: Laws and Enforcement Procedures; Interpersonal Communication; Officer Safety and Protection; Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations; Evidence Law and Collection; Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing; Canine Behavior and Aggressive Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment

Shelter Technician Certification

Hosted by the Springfield - Greene County Health Department

September 14-16, 2022 - Springfield, Missouri

Schedule of Training: Animal Care in a Sheltering Environment; Animal Disposition Options; Animal Identification: Breed and Description; Animal Shelter Maintenance; Animal Shelter Record-Keeping; Canine and Feline Behaviors and Assessments; Disease Exposures in a Sheltering Environment; Emergency Animal Sheltering; Proactive Animal Sheltering

Chemical Immobilization Certification

Hosted by the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County

September 16, 2022 - Crawfordsville, Indiana

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Hosted by the Alabama Animal Control Association

September 26-28, 2022 - Robertsedale, Alabama

Schedule of Training: Animal Care in a Sheltering Environment; Animal Disposition Options; Animal Identification: Breed and Description; Animal Shelter Maintenance; Animal Shelter Record-Keeping; Canine and Feline Behaviors and Assessments; Disease Exposures in a Sheltering Environment; Emergency Animal Sheltering; Proactive Animal Sheltering

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Advanced ACO/HLEO Certification Course

Hosted by Montgomery County Animal Care & Control

October 3-7, 2022 - Clarksville, Tennessee

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Field Training Officer Certification

Hosted by the Springfield - Greene County Health Department

October 3-4, 2022 - Springfield, Missouri

Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

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