

California Cougar

Puma concolor

STATUS IN CALIFORNIA

Statewide

Specially protected mammal

Southern & Central Coast Populations

Candidate species under the California
Endangered Species Act

Introduction

Over the last 19 years, an average of 196 depredation permits were issued for cougars per year, and an average of 93 cougars have been legally killed on depredation permits annually across the state of California. The vast majority of permits issued for cougars occur in non-commercial settings, and changes in husbandry practices could drastically reduce the amount of permits issued.

Our Mission

The Cougar Conservancy's mission is to reduce human-wildlife conflict and conserve cougar populations through science-based management and conservation.



TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

To report an incident or inquire about a conflict visit, contact the

**Cougar Conservancy
Conflict Hotline**

800-930-1087

TO REQUEST INFORMATION

To request information, assistance, or a presentation for your community, email us at director@cougarconservancy.org.

How do I apply for the Pen Building Assistance program?

Submit an application to begin the process to participate in the Cougar Conservancy Assistance Program.

- **Please be advised that in some areas, authorization or permitting from a local government may be necessary before constructing a cougar-proof enclosure.**
- **Application forms are available at www.cougarconservancy.org/assistance**
- **Email application to:**
Korinna Domingo
Founder & Director
Cougar Conservancy
director@cougarconservancy.org
800-930-1087

Please call us at the above phone number within ten business days after submitting your request to ensure we have received your information.

www.CougarConservancy.org

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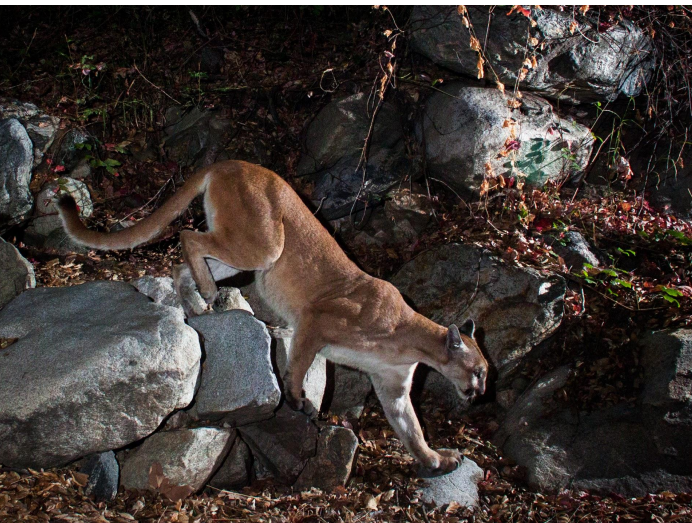
The Cougar Conservancy supports the community in living with cougars through a variety of vital programs:

- **Educational Opportunities**
- **Conflict Prevention Visits**
- **Post-Conflict Visits**
- **Assistance Programs**

Our team conducts work on-the-ground to respond, directly assist, and empower local communities through training and education before and after human-wildlife conflicts occur.

During conflict visits, community members are given site-specific recommendations for reducing human-cougar interactions in their backyard. The Cougar Conservancy provides advice on the available conflict prevention measures based on the property and specific geographic area.

We travel physically and virtually to communities throughout California to provide factual information on cougars. Request a presentation today!



Assistance Program

Why use our service?

Intensified development outside urbanized areas has increased the potential for interactions between humans and cougars. One outcome is that hobby livestock and some pets may be preyed upon by cougars.

Building a pen for domestic animals is one of the best ways to safeguard them from future depredation.

The Pen Building Assistance program offered by the Cougar Conservancy may provide financial assistance for homeowners who want to build protective pens.

Who is eligible?

This program offers financial assistance to individuals interested in constructing cougar-resistant pens.

Due to limited resources, priority is given to those who have had a verified loss of a pet or hobby livestock by a cougar.

What is the compensation?

• **Cougar-Proof Enclosures**

If a resident has unprotected pets or livestock they wish to protect, individuals may be eligible to receive a cougar-proof enclosure.

Materials to construct a typical protection pen are estimated at \$750 - \$1,500 depending on the size and materials used. Our team can also help with the retrofit of existing structures.

• **Carcass Disposal**

When there are financial barriers for the proper disposal of depredated animals, we can assist community members with remains disposal.

Assistance may be adjusted under certain conditions, at the discretion of the Cougar Conservancy.

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