



COEXISTING WITH CARNIVORES SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT FOR ISSAQUAH

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INTRODUCTION TO THIS TOOLKIT

You can help keep wildlife and people safe by sharing these messages with photos or videos on your social media accounts. Each message should be short enough to use for all media outlets. Be sure to include the hashtags so we can track where and how often they have been posted and make posts shareable so that your friends can help pass on these important messages. Coexisting with wildlife is possible if we all just follow a few simple tips. Choose your favorite tip or share them all! Help us get the word out about how bears, raccoons, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, and people can all live together in our suburban environments.

We have provided suggested photos and videos, primarily ones that were submitted to Carnivore Spotter (www.carnivorespotter.org) that you can use with each post. The photos and videos from Carnivore Spotter are labeled with the date and the neighborhood of the observation.

For Photos: Click on the link provided here and then download the photo to then use in your post (please do not include the links below in your post).

For Videos: You can copy the link provided here to include in your post.

Or feel free to use your own photos or videos!

Thanks for your help in sharing these messages!

- *The Carnivore Coexistence Action Team (a group of your Issaquah neighbors who are working together to promote human-wildlife coexistence and foster appreciation for local wildlife) and Woodland Park Zoo Coexisting with Carnivores program staff*

MESSAGE #1

Did you know that conflicts with bears can occur because of bird food? Hang bird feeders 10 feet off the ground and 10 feet away from supports. Limit feeding of birds to the winter when bears are less active.
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Video or photo to use with Message #1:

- **Video** - bears with birdfeeder shared with Carnivore Spotter: <http://youtu.be/qtTjZACLYXA>
- **Photo** - bear and knocked down birdfeeder from Carnivore Spotter: [CS black bear birdfeeder 05.22.20 Monahan](#)

MESSAGE #2

Bears like barbeque too! To avoid an unwelcome bear, keep grills clean and inside if possible.
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Video to use with Message #2:

- **Video** - *Bears & Barbecues* from Get Bear Smart <https://youtu.be/txY9-LLNIAg>

MESSAGE #3

Your garbage can be attractive to bears, raccoons, and coyotes. To avoid conflicts with these predators, store garbage indoors when possible and place bins outside on the morning of pick-up.
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Videos or photos to use with Message #3:

- **Video** - bear knocking down trash can from Carnivore Spotter:
<https://youtu.be/kMchBsqZ3Tw>
- **Video** - bear and cubs sniffing trash cans from Carnivore Spotter:
<https://youtu.be/u9T2GlyFY74>
- **Video** - raccoons crossing driveway from Carnivore Spotter:
<https://youtu.be/LcTozt2-0tM>
- **Photo** - bear and trash can from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS black bear 08.01.19 Mill Creek](#)
- **Photo** - raccoon from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS raccoon 08.28.19 Magnolia](#)
- **Photo** - Lucy the raccoon recycling from Woodland Park Zoo - **Include “Photo courtesy of Woodland Park Zoo.” or tag @woodlandparkzoo:**
[Lucy w container by WPZ Jeremy Dwyer-Lindgren](#)

MESSAGE #4

Bobcats, raccoons, bear, and coyotes are attracted to pet food*. To avoid conflicts with these carnivores, feed pets inside and do not leave pet, livestock or chicken feed outside.
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Videos to use with Message #4:

- **Video** - opossum eating pet food from porch (include note - *‘‘just like this opossum!’’) from Carnivore Spotter <https://youtu.be/7nQLZeqMViA>
- **Video** - raccoon stealing pet food from cats in open garage <https://youtu.be/FTcjzaqL0pE>

MESSAGE #5

Chickens may attract bobcats. Enclose chicken coops with electric or chain link fencing to help keep them safe. #coexistingwithcarnivores #woodlandparkzoo #cityofissaquah

Photos to use with Message #5:

- **Photo** - bobcat walking in front of garage from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS Bobcat 3.31.20 Sammamish](#)

- **Photo** - bobcat from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS Bobcat 3.31.20-2 Sammamish](#)
- **Photo** - bobcat on other side of fence from Carnivore Spotter - with thought bubble:
[CS bobcat 05.20.20 IssaquahHighlands w words](#)
- **Photo** - bobcat on other side of fence from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS bobcat 05.20.20 IssaquahHighlands](#)

MESSAGE #6

Outside and off-leash pets may get into conflicts with coyotes, cougars or other carnivores. Keep pets inside from dusk until dawn. Keep your pets safe #coexistingwithcarnivores #woodlandparkzoo #cityofissaquah

Video or photos to use with Message #6:

- **Video** - cougar walking across yard from Carnivore Spotter:
https://youtu.be/npTBVNBZ_Tg
- **Photo** - coyote from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS coyote 05.15.20 WhittierHeights](#)
- **Photo** - coyote from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS coyote 07.21.20 UDistrict](#)
- **Photo** - dog and coyote in park from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS dog and coyote 07.16.20 Seattle](#)

MESSAGE #7

Bears can find your compost, garden vegetables, and fruit very tempting. To keep bears away, make sure to pick up fallen fruit and put out compost on the day of pick up! Enclose gardens with fencing when possible. #coexistingwithcarnivores #woodlandparkzoo #cityof issaquah

Photo to use with Message #7:

- **Photo** - bear in garden from Carnivore Spotter:
[CS black bear garden 08.29.29 MeridianHeights](#)

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