

## ARE YOUR ANIMALS SAFE FROM PREDATORS?

## Mountain lions, coyotes, bobcats and other wildlife may live in your neighborhood.

The Bay Area is home to predator species that are important for the environment but can also pose a risk to your livestock or pets. Predators prefer natural prey but may be attracted to livestock or pets if they're not secure. Even if you haven't had a problem before, your animals may still be at risk!

## Simple steps you can take to protect your animals:

- Put animals in a secure enclosure (ideally with a roof) at night
- Do NOT leave pet food or animal feed outside and unsecured
- Secure trash bins and compost piles; pick up fallen fruit
- Trim ground-level brush to reduce hiding places for predators

## Protecting your animals is an important part of ownership – and good stewardship!

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