

Wild animals in Berlin

Advice and tips for dealing with wild animals

Whether wild boars, raccoons, foxes or rats – they all find plenty of food and shelter in parks, gardens and rubbish dumps. To prevent them from becoming a problem, we have summarised the most important information and tips for you.

Did you know that...

- 233 species of wild animals live in Berlin? 53 mammals and 180 species of bird!
- Do wild animals remember feeding places? Once you start feeding them, they will keep coming back! Therefore: never feed them! (Incidentally, a violation is punishable by fines of up to € 5,000!)

Wild boars: large animals with a keen sense of smell

Wild boars are increasingly venturing out of the woods and into the outskirts and inner districts of the city. Parks, gardens, rubbish dumps – wherever there are food scraps to be found, they will be sure to sniff them out.

Did you know that...

- wild boars can smell food up to five kilometres away?
- their good memory helps them to find food sources time and again

What to do if you encounter a wild boar?

- **Remain calm:** do not make any sudden movements.
- **Keep your distance:** maintain your distance and slowly retreat.
- **Do not provoke:** do not touch, startle or try to chase it away.
- **Allow for a retreat:** make space so that the animal can retreat.

Raccoons, foxes and martens: Berlin's four-legged night owls

When things go quiet outside, that's when they come out to play: raccoons break into rubbish bins, foxes rummage through gardens and martens sometimes chew through gutters. To keep them off your property, there is only one thing you can do: always keep doors and rubbish bins securely locked.

Did you know that...

- raccoons can easily open locks with their five fingers?
- foxes easily run ten kilometres through the city in search of food?

Rats: true survivalists

Clever, nimble and always to be found where there is food: rats find ideal conditions in the city. Sewers, rubbish dumps, drains, backyards – rodents always find their way. The problem: they can transmit diseases if we make it too easy for them.

Did you know that...

- rats can jump up to one metre high from standing?
- a female can have up to 60 young per year?

Us and wild animals – how we can coexist!

Small effort, big impact: together, we can prevent both the spread and visits from wild animals in our neighbourhood.

- **Do not feed wild animals**
- **Do not throw food waste outside the bins.**
- **Always put waste in the bin. Close the lid**
- **Always close the doors to the storage cage for rubbish bins.**