



Level 2: Grades 3–5

Glossary: Living with Urban Wildlife

- **aggressive** – showing readiness to attack, such as an aggressive dog.
- **cub** – a young meat-eating mammal (such as a raccoon, bear, fox, or lion).
- **develop** – to make more available or usable such as develop land.
- **diurnal** – active during the day.
- **environment** – the whole complex of factors (such as soil, climate, and living things) that influence the form and the ability to survive of a plant or animal or ecological community; surroundings.
- **feral** – having escaped from domestication and become wild.
- **fertilizer** – a substance (such as manure or a chemical) used to make soil produce larger or more plant life.
- **forage** – to make a search, especially for food.
- **habitat** – the place or type of place where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives or grows; the local environment in which an organism lives.
- **hibernate** – to sleep or rest for long periods of time, usually in the winter.
- **immunize** – to give a vaccination to prevent a specific disease (such as rabies).
- **injured** – hurt; wounded.
- **kit, kittens** – baby raccoon, baby raccoons; kittens are also baby cats or the babies of any of the large wild cats such as lions, tigers, leopards, bobcats, and so on; baby foxes are called kits.
- **mammal** – any of a class of warm-blooded vertebrates that include human beings and all other animals that nourish their young with milk produced by mammary glands and have the skin usually more or less covered with hair.
- **nocturnal** – active during the night.
- **pesticide** – a poison or toxin that is used to kill insects.
- **protection** – a person or a thing that protects, that is, covers or shields someone or something from something else that would destroy or injure.
- **rabies** – a disease of the nervous system of mammals that is caused by a virus usually passed on by the bite of an animal already infected with it; rabies is always deadly if untreated; rabies can make animals act strangely and hurt others, usually by biting.
- **toxin** – a poisonous substance that could make animals and people very sick.
- **urbanize** – to cause to have an urban appearance; to build urban (city and town) structures such as homes, shopping centers, and freeways.
- **veterinarian** – a doctor who treats animals.