## RESPECT WILD ANIMALS

## DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE. IT'S HARMFUL TO THEM, US AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

## Did you know?

- Feeding wild animals causes them to become too dependent on humans for food, which means they don't develop necessary survival and foraging skills.
- Foods that we eat do not provide the necessary nutrition that wild animals need.
- Wildlife will lose their fear of humans when they are fed, causing them to become too comfortable with us. As a result, they can become aggressive and threaten the safety of humans.
- Feeding wild animals can cause the spread of certain diseases between wildlife, humans, and even pets.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Stop the unintentional feeding of wild animals!

- Rid all plastic and glass containers of leftover food because the animals can smell it.

- Feed your pets inside.
- Make sure trash bags are securely tied.
- Set up a bird feeder and bird bath in your backyard, and provide other natural food sources for wild animals by planting certain kinds of plants.

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