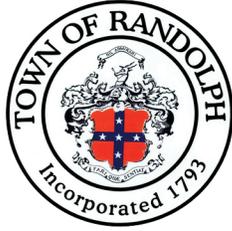


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Problem Animal Control Agents, (PACS)

If a property owner cannot solve a wildlife problem, the property owner may hire a licensed Problem Animal Control Agent, (PAC). PAC agents are hired by the property owner and are paid for by the property owner. PAC agents obey regulations for the capture and removal of wildlife. When a property owner calls a PAC agent, they will also provide information and suggestions which prevent future wildlife problems. The property owner pays the PAC agent for the services provided.

Municipal Animal Control Officers may not legally remove wildlife unless the animals are sick or injured or present a threat to public health or safety. Only a licensed PAC can remove wildlife from private property.

What is A Problem Animal Control (PAC) Agent?

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 37, gives property owners the right to use lawful means to destroy wildlife in the act of causing damage or threatening personal safety. Landowners may only destroy wildlife actually causing damage or posing immediate threats. No one may randomly destroy wildlife simply because it is on their property. It is also illegal for anyone (*including PAC agents*) to live-trap a problem animal and move it for release on other public or private property.

PAC licenses are issued to individuals, not to groups or companies. Licensed PAC agents are the only individuals who may work with problem wildlife. PAC agents are NOT municipal Animal Control Officers.

PAC agents may harass, take, and destroy, or may release or liberate on site as stipulated in 321 CMR 2.14 (23) non-domesticated reptiles, birds, and mammals the actions of which have or are endangering the life and health of humans or domestic animals; damaging the property of a person, obstructing the reasonable and comfortable use of property by the owner or tenant thereof or otherwise producing such material annoyance, inconvenience, and discomfort that can reasonably be presumed to result in damage or harm to persons or their property.

What Animals can a PAC Agent remove?

PAC agents may legally remove the following species: skunk, muskrat, raccoon, weasel, red fox, gray fox, porcupine, Norway rat, mice, voles, red, gray and flying squirrel, opossum, chipmunk, rabbit, woodchuck, snapping turtle, moles, pigeon, house sparrow, starling and certain species of bats.

PAC Agents near Randolph that a property owner may hire to removed problem wildlife:

- Boris Pest Control Michael Arlauskas 617-268-8095
- M & C Trapping Craig Spence 617-593-7093
- Boston Wildlife Control Brian Oliveri 617-892-3682
- P. Clancy and Sons Paul Clancy 617-464-1305
- Arrest-A-Pest, Inc. Edward Cavanaugh 617-548-4206
- Baystate Wildlife Control Mark Thomas 781-830-6080
- Wildlife Eviction Robert Walsh 781-727-0894
- Action Pest Control Tim Murphy 781-335-7378
- Eagle Eye Pest Robert Peters 781-724-3684

Contact the Westborough Division of Fisheries & Wildlife office at (508) 389-6300 for more details about PAC agents.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact this office at (781) 961-0924 or by email at gcody@randolph-ma.gov . For more information, please visit http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/pac/pac_agents_nd.htm

Note: The Town of Randolph does not recommend any specific service provider.