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**BURKE CENTRE CONSERVANCY  
ADMINISTRATIVE & POLICY RESOLUTION NO. 6-C7**

**Wildlife Conflict Policy**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has the power and duty to establish policies and rules for the Burke Centre Conservancy; and

**WHEREAS**, a Wildlife Management Policy was established as a general guideline for Burke Centre by the Board of Trustees in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of an Administrative Policy and Resolution is necessary for incorporation into the Burke Centre Conservancy's official Rules and Regulations which will address issues where nature and community may conflict.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Wildlife Management Policy adopted in 1991 shall be adopted as an Administrative Policy and Resolution to be published in Burke Centre's official Rules and Regulations and referred to as the Burke Centre Conservancy Wildlife Conflict Policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this Administrative Policy and Resolution shall supersede all previously approved Burke Centre policies, rules and guidelines relative to wildlife conflicts and wildlife management.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

**BOOK OF MINUTES NO.**

**APPROVED:**

*Craig Muesick*  
President, Burke Centre Conservancy

8-12-99  
Date

**ATTEST:**

*Sharon J. Goodrich*  
Secretary, Burke Centre Conservancy  
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**BURKE CENTRE**  
**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
Administrative & Policy Resolution #6C-7

It shall be one of the objectives of the Wildlife Committee, in conjunction with staff and the BOT, to resolve conflicts between wildlife and the members of Burke Centre, so as to promote peaceful coexistence between residents and these resources.

1. For management purposes, wildlife activity that results in conflicts will be evaluated by the committee for the existence of, or potential for:
  - impact to private property;
  - impact to Conservancy property, including land, vegetation, water flow, structures, facilities, and services;
  - impact on the health and safety of the residents.
2. The committee will base wildlife management actions on:
  - applicable laws and regulations,
  - adopted natural resource conservation objectives,
  - accepted ecological principles,
  - proven wildlife management techniques,
  - appropriate animal welfare concerns.
3. The committee will practice an attitude of acceptance of, and tolerance for, wildlife activity as a part of the Conservancy's natural environment, and will foster this attitude among the residents through education.
4. When conflicts occur on private property from wildlife activity, residents are responsible for taking reasonable measures on their own land to mitigate the impacts of this activity. Such measures will typically involve exclusionary devices, including, but not limited to, fences, screens, caps, baffles, and repellents.
5. For each specific type of wildlife activity, the committee will develop impact mitigation procedures that utilize progressive, stepwise intervention, typically advancing from:

- exclusion, including, but not limited to fences, screens, caps, baffles, and repellents; to
  - harassment, including, but not limited to, destruction of nests, and homes; to
  - population management, including, but not limited to, relocation or humane destruction.
6. The committee and staff may take reasonable measures on open spaces only, following the above procedures, to resolve conflicts from wildlife activity, but will assume no legal liability for these measures. These measures will be taken solely on Conservancy property.

Prior to the undertaking of any severe measures, staff will notify the Board of Trustees. Staff will also notify the chairperson of the Wildlife Committee. Members of the Board of Trustees are encouraged to announce any action taken at the next Neighborhood Council meeting.