

# Deer Policy Statement

## Introduction & Background

Occasionally, The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc. (PHA) receives comments or questions from residents regarding the local deer and wildlife population. As a homeowner's association, the PHA has no authority to manage the deer or wildlife within the community.

The PHA possesses no expertise in wildlife management. However, the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is charged by statute to protect, preserve, enhance, and manage wildlife for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors.

This policy is intended to define the role of the PHA in dealing with wildlife issues, and to provide information and resources for homeowners and residents who experience issues or conflicts with animals that may require intervention.

Removal is the responsibility of the homeowner if a deer is found deceased on their property. If a deceased deer is seen on Pinery roadways, Douglas County Sheriff is to be contacted for removal.

## **Policy**

It is illegal in Colorado to intentionally place or distribute feed, salt blocks or other attractants for deer.

Hunting of any sort or the discharge of any lethal weapon is not allowed on any **property owned by the Pinery Homeowners' Association**.

The PHA assumes no responsibility for managing wildlife within The Pinery community. If the PHA receives complaints about residents feeding deer or reports that an animal represents a threat or nuisance, the PHA will direct the resident to the CPW and/or the Douglas County Sheriff for appropriate action. Investigation and management of the complaint will be handled by the appropriate government agencies.

The Association maintains certain educational/informational materials for residents on the PHA website addressing how residents can minimize conflict between people and wildlife.

Occasionally, government agencies handling wildlife complaints may request the cooperation of the PHA. For instance, access to the common areas may be required to remove or to relocate a problem animal. If requested, the PHA will take reasonable steps to work with the agency wildlife experts to follow their recommendations.

If a homeowner engages private contractors to assist with handling wildlife concerns and access to the common area is required, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to obtain prior written permission from the Association to grant access to the common area(s) by the owner's contractor(s).

The Association will not be responsible for expenses incurred by homeowners to address wildlife complaints. The PHA office maintains a phone list of private vendors that will remove a deceased animal for a fee. Any expenses, charges, or costs associated with handling wildlife complaints (e.g., relocation expenses, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the resident submitting the complaint, and any necessary financial arrangements must be made directly between the resident and the government agency or contractor managing the complaint.

For more information about living with wildlife, visit: <http://cpw.state.co.us>

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