

Salt Lake County Animal Services (SLCOAS) provides the residents of Midvale City with comprehensive service and care for their pets. SLCOAS offers free microchips and vaccinations to Midvale residents via a voucher program. Animal Control Officers are available 24 hours a day to respond to reports of animal cruelty, abuse, neglect and emergencies involving injured or aggressive animals. Animal Services provides shelter for lost and abandoned pets, and offers pet adoptions. From January 2015 through June 2015, Animal Control Officers responded to nearly 600 calls regarding animal issues. For assistance call Dispatch at 801-743-7045.

Raccoon and Skunk abatement programs return to parts of Salt Lake County: Salt Lake City, Unincorporated Salt Lake County, Holladay, Midvale, and Cottonwood Heights. Beginning January 1, 2016, the USDA's Wildlife Service Program in Utah will arrange for the removal of these pests FREE OF CHARGE. In order for the animals to be removed, residents MUST live in one of the five jurisdictions.

What steps must someone take in order to have the animal removed?

1. Residents must purchase a raccoon/skunk trap. These can be bought at a store like Home Depot, Lowes, IFA, etc. and typically cost about \$50.
2. Before placing the trap, call the Urban Hotline for tips on how to capture the animal and make sure the home is within the five jurisdictions participating in the program. On the message leave a name, phone number, and an address.
3. There will be no weekend or holiday removal of raccoons/skunks. Animals trapped and called in before 7 AM should be picked up that day unless there is high number of calls they will be picked up the next day.

Wildlife Service's says there are a few things a resident can do to try and dissuade raccoons/skunks from returning to a home:

1. Do NOT leave food outside – ie. Cat food, bird seed
2. Remove woodpiles or other debris piles raccoons/skunks can nest in
3. When trapping a raccoon/skunk do not use pet food to capture it. These pests have a serious sweet tooth. Use a sweet bait such as Twinkies or marshmallows with vanilla extract.

For more information call Midvale City at 801-567-7200 or SLCOAS at 385-468-7387.