

# Ohio Wildlife Center



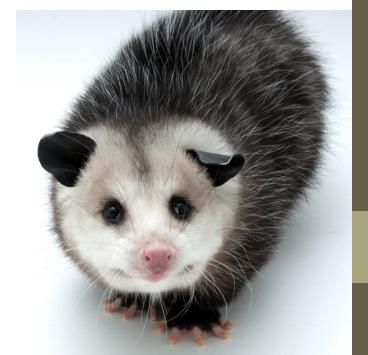
**SCRAM! Wildlife Control,** a service of Ohio Wildlife Center

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### Overview

- What is SCRAM! Wildlife Control?
- Why choose SCRAM!?
- What does SCRAM! offer?
  - Techniques
- SCRAM! Services
- SCRAM! Service Agreements





### What is SCRAM! Wildlife Control?

- SCRAM! (<u>Suburban Commercial and Residential Animal Management</u>)
- Established in 2001 as a service of Ohio Wildlife Center
- Provides 100% NON-LETHAL services to central Ohio
- Utilize biologically sound methodology
- Provide Natural, Humane & Permanent solutions





## Why Choose SCRAM!?

#### • MISSION-DRIVEN:

- Provide superior, permanent solutions to prevent and resolve conflicts between people and Ohio's wildlife.
- Prevention as a long-term, permanent solution
- Reduce animal suffering
- Non-lethal outcome
- Long-term reduction of costs
- Promote harmony between humans and wildlife
- It is the responsible approach





### Why Choose SCRAM!?

- LICENSED, CERTIFIED AND INSURED SERVICES
  - Licensed by the Ohio Division of Wildlife in Commercial Nuisance Wild Animal Control
  - Certified by National Wildlife Control Operators Association
  - Technicians are trained wildlife biologists, experienced in wildlife management, identification and handling
  - Angie's List Super Service Award Winner
  - 2-year warranty on all points of entry addressed by SCRAM!



## Why Choose SCRAM!?

### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING:

"We know there are many providers out there willing to trap and euthanize "nuisance" animals, but SCRAM! is the only one we found willing to take the extra time and effort to not only help us but help the animals too! With extremely competitive rates, we think everyone should be using your services. The Meyer Family is happy to provide a glowing endorsement for SCRAM!" – **Urban & Shelley Meyer** 

"The **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium** has partnered with SCRAM! for the past three years to reduce the Canada goose population on the zoo's property. Our goose population has significantly decreased because of this partnership...their strategies for goose eradication really work." – Shelly R COLUMBUS

### What Does SCRAM! Offer?

- Assessment of the current state
- Highlight locations with highest potential for increased goose and other species activity
- Implement an integrated plan based upon behavior and biological response
- Recommendations for habitat modification
- Training for maintenance staff and other effected

employees





# Techniques

- Inspection
- Eviction
- Exclusion & Prevention
- Reuniting
- Goose Mitigation







### **Eviction**

- Remain in familiar home range
  - Alternative den
  - Known food / water source
- Animal will relocate offspring to alternative den
- State law
  - Rabies vector species





















### **Exclusion & Prevention**

- Eliminate future need for wildlife removal
- Discourage unwanted encounters
- Protect property















## Goose Mitigation

- Qwik & Blaze Border Collie dogs
  - On lead or off lead
  - Triggers predator/prey instinct in geese
- Lasers
- Audio deterrents
- Predator silhouettes
- The key is consistency!







## Goose Mitigation



- Decrease waste and bacteria in water
- Discourage nesting
- Decrease aggressive protection behaviors
- Decrease likelihood parents will return
- Stop exponential population growth





# **SCRAM!** Service Agreements

- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
- City of Dublin
  - 36 ponds
- City of Columbus\*
- Vaughan Group
- C.R. O'Neil Realty
- Meyer Realty





# Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

- eighth year of contracted services
- Primarily focused on goose mitigation
- Educate public on the impact of feeding waterfowl
- Work directly with employees and provide continuing education to increase overall program effectiveness

Decrease nesting

Decrease in aggressive behavior

Increase public safety

# City of Dublin

- 18th year of services
- Goose mitigation
- Transport of sick/injured animals found in public areas
- Provide education for residents and training for city employees
- Work in conjunction with local law enforcement





## City of Dublin 2017 Results

- 303 animal pickups
- 40 species of animals handled
- 190 visits each to 36 ponds:
  - Decrease in number of goose nests found
  - Decrease in number of eggs hatched
  - Decrease in year-round goose population





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