



“Why raccoons get hurt...”

Raccoons are one of the most misunderstood animals out there, and they get hurt due to our attitudes about them. Because they are perceived as a nuisance, they are trapped, shot, poisoned, inhumanely killed, or worse, kept as pets and then released, and never survive, because they don't have any survival skills. Their homes are leveled, no place to go, so they move in our attics, chimneys, garages, and other places to raise their young and have a warm place to stay when its cold outside, as all creatures should have that right. When we suspect, even without cause, that they carry disease, we fear and persecute them out of ignorance or lack of information.

*Raccoons are friendly & curious by nature:
Many of us are suspicious and close-minded...

*Raccoons are willing to share habitat: We

simply evict them, and take over...

*Raccoons defend their nests and their young:
We attack, not only with weapons, but with dogs & cars...

*Nature manages to 'tame' the population on her own, and does not need our help to decimate the wildlife...

We need to learn to deal more effectively and intelligently with situations arising from wildlife living in such close proximity to us. Learn what animals live in your area and research the behaviors, and breeding cycles, and what environment they like, and then research how to deal with the "challenges" they pose as our wild neighbors. For example: Are raccoons getting in your chimney? Well, cap it, very inexpensive and easy to install. Bunnies getting in your garden? They make fencing to put around a garden, so they cannot get to it. We need to learn to share the land with the wildlife around us and appreciate the joy they can bring by watching them, whether it's raising their young or scavenging for food, they are a joy to watch. Living with wildlife so close, again can be challenging, but the answer is

NOT always killing.....

