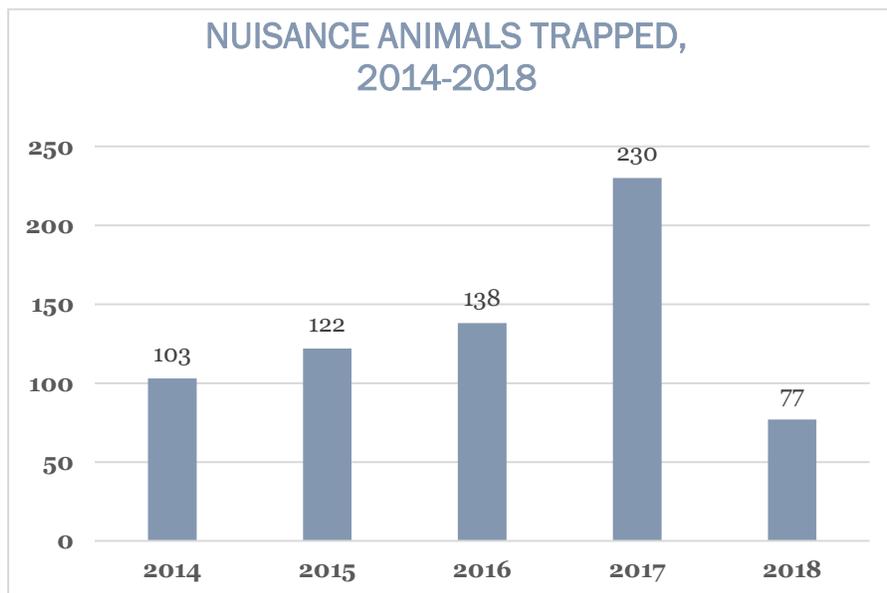




## Park Ridge Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines

In the April 2018 *Spokesman*, the City's newsletter, modifications to the nuisance wildlife trapping program were announced. The nuisance wildlife trapping program is administered by the Department of Community Preservation and Development and aims to control "fur-bearing mammals" such as skunks and raccoons that have become dangers to people or properties. Modifications to the program, effective March 15, 2018, are below:

- The City will no longer pay for removal of animals trapped in non-City traps.
- City traps will not be dispensed to residents without confirmation from a City Health Official that an animal is indeed causing a nuisance, e.g. damaging a house foundation, exhibiting behavior typical of a rabid animal. An Environmental Health Officer from the City will visit the site to verify that the animal is a nuisance. Animals that are "just passing through" will not be considered a nuisance. Also, in accordance with IDNR policy, skunks will not be considered a nuisance animal merely because of their odor. The City will neither provide traps nor pay for removal of such animals.
- Those requesting and receiving traps from the City will be required to sign a statement indicating they will check the traps daily.



This figure was pulled from the CP&D Annual Report for 2018 and show the number of nuisance animals trapped 2014-2018.

## Wildlife Illinois

Wildlife Illinois provides Illinois residents information for coexisting with wildlife in urban areas. The website outlines steps to prevent problems with wildlife. The website can be found [here](#). Highlights of prevention measures and solutions can be found below:

### *Prevent Problems*

According to the Wildlife Illinois website, “All creatures have three basic needs for survival: food, water, and shelter. By providing any of these resources on your property you will likely attract wildlife... Wild animals are very resourceful and will make use of easy food resources such as bird feeders, improperly stored trash and pet food. Additionally, vacant buildings, unsecured chimneys, attics, crawlspaces, and the space under decks or porches are all dark, quiet locations that may be viewed by wildlife as a good place to take shelter or as a place to raise their young.”

This portion of the site includes information on [wildlife basics](#), [preventing wildlife attacks on pets](#), [keeping wildlife out](#), [removing food and shelter](#), [repellents and frightening devices](#), [prevent bird-window strikes](#), and [bird feeders and disease](#).

### *Get Help (Solutions)*

This portion of the site includes information on [solving a wildlife problem](#), [helping injured or orphaned wildlife](#), [removing wildlife](#), and [what to know before repairing damage](#).

The Wildlife Illinois site also includes information on [sightings](#), [wildlife identification](#), [hiring a wildlife control operator](#), and [finding a wildlife rehabilitator](#).

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) works with communities and animal care and control agencies to develop humane and non-lethal solutions to conflicts between people and wildlife. The HSUS believes that most conflicts between wildlife and humans can be resolved by means other than trapping. The website is [here](#).