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McDonald Borough Notice to Residents: Skunk / Nuisance Wildlife Concerns

McDonald Borough has received reports of increased skunk activity in parts of the borough. The borough takes residents' safety seriously and asks everyone to use caution around wild animals.

Please note: the municipality does ****not**** provide wildlife removal services and is not the agency responsible for handling wild skunks. Residents who encounter sick, injured, aggressive, or nuisance wildlife (including skunks) should contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission at (833) 742-9453 or via the PGC website for guidance and response. The PGC is the state agency that manages and responds to wildlife issues and can advise on safe, legal options.

In cases where a skunk is healthy but causing a nuisance on private property, removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Pennsylvania Game Commission maintains a list of licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators who can be hired for this service at the property owner's expense. The municipality does not provide wildlife removal services and does not recommend or endorse any specific company.

Tips for residents:

- Do not attempt to capture, handle, or relocate wild skunks yourself. Wild animals may carry diseases such as rabies, and certain actions may be restricted by state law.
- Secure garbage, remove pet food left outdoors, and close off crawl spaces and openings under porches or sheds to reduce attractants. (For more info on prevention, see Penn State Extension's guidance on skunks.)
- If you believe a skunk has bitten or attacked a pet or person, seek medical/veterinary attention immediately and report the incident to the PGC.

For further municipal questions about public property (parks, roadways, etc.), contact McDonald Borough at (724) 926-8711. For wildlife response, contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission at (833) 742-9453.