Skunks cannot be relocated—anywhere!

For a skunk living under a structure it is best to evict it before March or after August, when breeding season is over and the babies are gone. Then, install fencing that extends 1 - 2 feet below ground to seal openings. For a skunk in a window well, carefully lower a board into the well and let the skunk climb up the board and off to safety.

To evict a skunk, carefully spray Hot Pepper Repellent into the den hole but not too far, since you don’t want the skunk to spray you. The recipe is available at urbanwildliferescue.org/humane/skunks.htm. Or, toss in ammonia soaked rags, tying a string to them so they can be pulled out in a few days and re-soaked. To make certain the animal has gone, sprinkle flour at the entrance, then check for tracks after dark.

Seal trash cans, clean BBQ grills immediately, do not leave pet foods outdoors, and remove woodpiles. Provide a secure coop and proper fencing to protect chickens. Consult beekeeping experts for ways to protect hives.

Tracks of the striped skunk

For More Information:
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Wildlife Observation:
Look for wildlife. Remember to watch from a distance and don’t get too close.

Listen for wildlife. Even if you can’t see wildlife, you may hear them.

Learn about wildlife. Talk to a wildlife master or naturalist, borrow a book about wildlife.

Love and Respect the Outdoors!
The more we know about wildlife, the less likely we are to harm or fear wildlife.