

## Community Crime Alert - Animal Safety

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**Incident:** Community Crime Alert – Animal Safety

**Location:** Multiple locations in the neighborhoods east of Victoria and south of Highway 126.

**Date/Time Occurred:** Nighttime Hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Department, Ventura County Animal Services

**Narrative:**

Over that last several months, there has been an increase in citizen reports of finding the deceased remains of cats, particularly in the neighborhoods east of Victoria Ave, south of Highway 126 to Saticoy Ave.

At this point all of the incidents that have been reported to the Ventura Police Department and Ventura County Animal Services have been investigated by veterinarians and determined by forensic analysis to be the result of “predatory kill.” With the continuing drought, citizens have reported seeing an increase in coyotes wandering these neighborhoods to seek out food and water.

To help prevent cats from further harm, it is recommended family pets be kept indoors or in a secure enclosed structure and remove any outside food or water sources.

If any deceased cats are found and it appears suspicious, please do not touch the animal, preserve the scene, photograph if necessary, and immediately notify Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341.