ACRES Advisory Notice: WILD PIGS

The wild pig (commonly referred to as wild boar), or Eurasian wild pig, is native to Singapore. They are omnivorous and eat mainly vegetation. Being nocturnal, they usually forage at night, dusk, and dawn. Increasing urbanisation in Singapore means that areas with vegetation suitable for wild pig grazing and urban areas are now found close to each other. With a shrinking natural habitat, boars are more likely to enter urban spaces.

DO NOT FEED

What to do when you see a wild pig:

OUTDOORS/NEAR HOUSING AREAS

Wild pigs can be defensive, no matter how cute they look; especially sows (females) accompanied by their young.

Keep your distance and move away from the area.

Avoid any action that may cause the wild pig to feel threatened, such as loud noises, sudden movement, or flash photography.

Do NOT feed the wild pig.

Improper disposal of garbage attracts wild pigs, who will scavenge for food.

Always ensure bins are covered and secured.

FOLLOWING YOU

The wild pig isn’t being aggressive, but may have been conditioned to see humans as food suppliers.

If approached, do not make sudden movement or loud noises.

• Do NOT attempt to run or hit the wild pig
• Move away calmly and slowly

WHILE WALKING YOUR DOG

Change your route calmly and slowly.

Keep your dog firmly leashed.

Distract your dog and prevent him/her from confronting the wild pig.

INDOORS/PREMISES

If wild pigs are entering your premises, consider fencing up the area.

Check existing fences for holes, and if holes are found, make sure you repair them.

If you see a piglet/litter of piglets, keep your distance as the sow may be in the area.

If you see the piglets without their mother, please call ACRES Wildlife Rescue Hotline at 9783 7782

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24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sows can give birth to a litter of four to six piglets, and are fiercely protective of them.

Feeding wild pigs may condition them to go near other humans, increasing chance of potential conflicts.

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