

PROTECTING WILD CATS AT THE **URBAN EDGE**



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Your Questions Answered



What is the urban edge?

The urban edge is where wild animals' and humans' habitats intersect. Think suburbs, green spaces, and city outskirts.

Are there more pumas living in human spaces today?

No, most wild cat populations are decreasing. We see them more often because we have better technology, more cameras, and human spaces are expanding.



What are the biggest threats to felids at the urban edge?

- **Habitat fragmentation** divides pumas' territories into areas too small to support them.
- Pumas are apex predators.
Human-wildlife conflict results from fear and misinformation, livestock loss, and loss of habitat connectivity.

What can people do to help?

- **Protect your property**
Keep your pets and livestock enclosed or indoors, especially at night when predators are most active.
- **Deter wildlife**
Keep vegetation trimmed back and use deer-resistant plants in your landscaping. This helps keep pumas' prey from getting too close.



Peaceful coexistence is POSSIBLE!



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