

“The livestock enclosure provided a safe place for our small animals to rest at night while keeping the native wildlife out of trouble. I would highly recommend these pens to anyone in southwest Florida where we share the land with a lot of wildlife!”

—Nickie Johnston, home owner

“We haven’t had any further problems since we built the enclosure. It is such a relief to go to sleep at night and know that my dogs are now much safer from wild predators.”

—Rebecca Galligan, home owner

“These do-it-yourself enclosures are relatively inexpensive and easy to build. They really work to safeguard goats and other livestock from coyotes, bobcats, unrestrained dogs and panthers.”

—Rege Malone, goat breeder

“This enclosure is an important addition to the tools we need to raise healthy livestock in a healthy ecosystem.”

—Robert Halman, retired Collier County agricultural extension agent



#### ABOUT DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE

Defenders of Wildlife is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of all native plants and animals in their natural communities. Long recognized as a leader in endangered species issues, Defenders advocates for innovative wildlife conservation approaches that protect species, habitat and entire ecosystems.

From our Florida offices in St. Petersburg and Tallahassee, Defenders engages in solution-oriented, science-based advocacy, education, outreach, policy development and litigation to defend Florida panthers, manatees, sea turtles, gopher tortoises and other native wildlife and to protect habitat—including a statewide network of connected conservation lands essential to the survival of many species. We also champion practical approaches to ensure that people can safely coexist with panthers, bears and other wildlife in their communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Protect your pets and livestock.

# BUILD A PREDATOR-RESISTANT ENCLOSURE

Defenders of Wildlife can help.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: COYOTE © GÜNTER WAIBEL; FLORIDA PANTHER © RODNEY CAMMAUF/NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE; DOG AND HORSE © ANDREW MAGILL; GOAT © PETE MARKHAM

Rural southwest Florida is a great place to live and raise a family and domestic animals, but we can't forget the wild inhabitants that were here before us.

The diversity of wildlife we share our home with includes predators like foxes, coyotes, bobcats, Florida black bears and Florida panthers. To protect pets and small livestock, it's important to take responsibility and secure them at night—prime time for prowling predators.

Diligent use of a predator-resistant enclosure is an effective way to keep domestic animals safe and wild animals out of trouble. Defenders of Wildlife can help you build one.



After losing three goats to panthers in one night the Johnston Family of Naples found a "quick and easy solution" to their problem: installing a predator-resistant enclosure.

### Predator-Resistant Enclosure Program

Defenders of Wildlife's Predator-Resistant Enclosure Program works with rural residents and small livestock owners to build predator-resistant pens or retrofit existing enclosures.

The program provides:

- Construction and retrofitting directions and specifications
- Trained volunteers to assist with building or modifying an enclosure
- Guidance on ridding your property of predator attractants
- Financial assistance for eligible participants

It's a win-win effort with three goals:

- Reduce predation on domestic animals
- Demonstrate on the ground that people, livestock and predators can coexist without incident
- Conserve and protect Florida's native wildlife

### Participating in the program is easy.

#### 1. Call or e-mail us for an application form:

727.823.3888

[southeastoffice@defenders.org](mailto:southeastoffice@defenders.org)

or [efleming@defenders.org](mailto:efleming@defenders.org)

#### 2. Fill out and submit the application.

After we receive your application, we'll contact you to assess your case and your eligibility for cost-sharing funds. (If the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has confirmed the loss of a domestic animal to a panther on your property, your case will be a high priority.)

#### 3. Arrange an on-site evaluation.

At a mutually agreed upon time, we'll visit your property to confirm your eligibility and to determine your specific needs.

#### 4. Set a date for building your enclosure.

If your case is approved, we'll promptly contact you to set the soonest possible construction date.

### Play it safe; apply today.



**APPLICATION**  
**Livestock and Pet Enclosure Program**  
*Protecting people, pets, livestock and panthers*



**Applicant Information**

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Last*

*First*

*M.I.*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*Apartment/Unit #*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

**Home phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistance requested:**  Retro-fit existing enclosure(s)  Build new enclosure

**Resident can provide:**  Assistance with construction  Tools  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Other Information**

**This enclosure be used for** *(please check all that apply):*

Pets  Hobby Livestock  Livestock you breed/sell  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type/number of animals:**

**Have you experienced depredations?**  Yes  No

**Dates/details/Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) case #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Resident status:**  Tenant  Property owner

**Number of years with animal(s) on property without incident:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the Defenders' program?**

FWC       Friend/neighbor       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**After your enclosure is built or retrofitted, are you willing to help others build or retrofit on an occasional basis?**

Yes       No

**May we publish photos or stories about your enclosure?**

Yes       No

**Do you know of others who have experienced depredations? If so, please provide their contact information for us:**

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