

On Sunday, November 13 at approximately 3:45 p.m., a Pacifican observed a mountain lion in a backyard in the 900 block of Alta Vista. The animal did not appear injured, was not aggressive, and ran away shortly afterward. Pacifica police responded to the area but did not locate the animal.

While it is rare for mountain lions to approach humans, follow these simple rules: Do not feed deer. It is illegal in California and will attract mountain lions. If you see a mountain lion, **DO NOT APPROACH IT**, especially if it is feeding or with cubs. Most mountain lions try to avoid confrontations. Avoid hiking or jogging through wooded areas when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, or at night. Keep a close watch on small children when hiking or traveling in or about wooded areas. If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise, and try to look bigger by waving your arms or opening your jacket; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children. Keep all pets and pet food **INDOORS** at night. Even the largest domesticated dogs and cats can be prey for a mountain lion.