

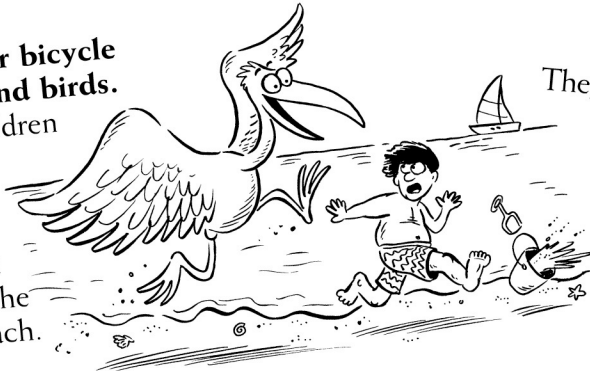
# Please Respect Wildlife

on Southwest Florida's Sanctuary Islands

Wild creatures have a  
limited choice of places to live.  
You can help them survive.

**Walk, run or bicycle  
around birds.**

Prevent children  
and pets from  
chasing them.  
Birds rest,  
nest, and  
feed on the  
beach.



**Refrain from  
feeding wildlife.**  
They lose their fear of  
humans, become  
dependent on  
handouts and  
develop  
aggressive  
behavior.



**Keep the beach  
dark and litter free.**

Furniture, lights and  
trash disorient  
sea turtles and  
their hatchlings.  
Deadly plastic bags  
resemble jellyfish,  
a source of food  
for sea turtles.



**Stay with your  
fishing rod.**  
**Discard monofilament  
and fish scraps  
properly.**  
Wildlife become  
entangled in fishing  
line or impaled on  
hooks. Birds choke on  
bony carcasses.

**Leave living shells and  
vegetation for future  
generations.**

Shells provide food.  
Plants shelter  
wildlife and help  
build beaches.



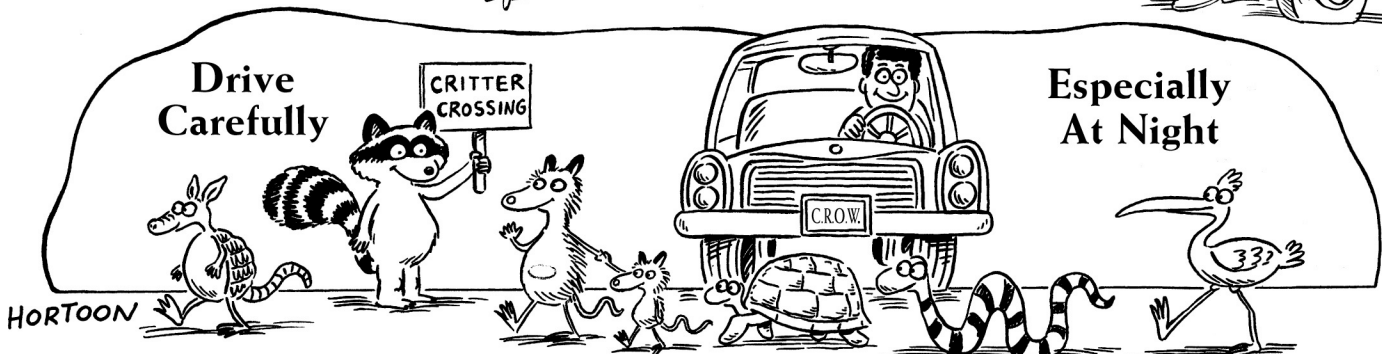
**Leash your dog.**  
Bag all droppings.  
Discard properly.



**Drive  
Carefully**

CRITTER  
CROSSING

**Especially  
At Night**



**It is against the law to • feed alligators • allow lights to shine on the beach  
• pick sea oats • collect live sea shells • let a dog off its leash**