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This morning I received a call from residents who have a dead alligator between their docks. The animal had been shot in the head and has a foot missing. There are several problems here. Finding someone to pick it up has been absolutely unbelievable. It seems the authorities are more concerned about the fact that the animal had been shot and who is responsible than the fact that we are seeing more and more alligators this year.

Wildlife and Fisheries has a Nuisance Department # 337-735-8672, two agents for our area, Randy Piwetz # 966- 3376, and Milligan # 504-329-4311. Lieutenant Nunez# 504-284-2027 gave me a second number # 1-800 442-2511. The recommended procedure is to call the Nuisance line, get a tag number, then call the agent. I have been working on getting someone to pick up the dead carcass for over one hour. I suggest dragging the animal to somewhere in the middle of Moonraker Lake. The people who are inconvenienced by the dead animal have no boat. If there is a kind neighbor who would be willing to help, the animal is between 107 and 109 Moonraker Dr.

If there is anyone, a teenager or another resident who would like to help out an elderly couple weed their front garden, please let us know. There are situations that provide service hours for teenagers, people looking for small jobs at their own schedule, or just plain compassionate people who are willing to help. The couple is willing to pay for the service.

Please check on our neighbors. Sometimes we are so busy, we forget there are residents who need our help. Also remember that pets cannot easily survive in this heat. Have a heart.

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