

SAVING THE SAN JOAQUIN KIT FOX



THE SAN JOAQUIN KIT FOX



Although they are cute, these foxes should never be treated like pets

About the San Joaquin kit fox

- ▣ **Protected species:** Listed as endangered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and threatened by the state of California.
- ▣ **There are less than 7,000 in California.**
- ▣ **Bakersfield is unique because the San Joaquin kit fox is established in this area.**



More about San Joaquin kit foxes

- ▣ **Pupping season is from March through May.**

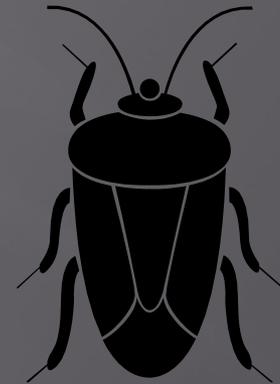
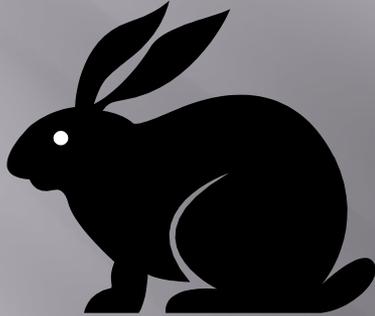


- ▣ **At around five pounds, they are the size of a housecat, with big ears and a long bushy tail.**



More about San Joaquin kit foxes cont.

- ▣ **These foxes mainly consume rabbits, rodents and insects.**

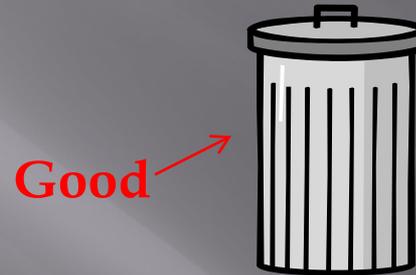


- ▣ **They do not need a real source of water since they get much of their fluid requirements from the meals they consume.**



What's Hurting these foxes?

- Garbage that's not secured properly in a trash can; pet food that's left out.



- Filling or destroying burrows.
- When not in use, foxes are getting caught in soccer nets and batting cage nets often killing them.



How you can help?

- ▣ **Take down or clip up sports equipment nets at schools, parks and recreation areas.**



- ▣ **Never feed foxes or other wildlife.**



How you can help cont.

- ▣ Never fill or destroy or a burrow. State and federal laws protect them.



- ▣ Participate in the CDFW poster contest!



CDFW poster contest

- ▣ Kick-off begins in March 2013.



- ▣ Targeted at Bakersfield students only.

- ▣ First place High School student receives \$500



- ▣ Second place High School student receives \$250



CDFW poster contest cont.

- ▣ Honorable mentions for three High School students 3rd -5th place. 
- ▣ Winning Elementary class gets a pizza party.



CDFW poster contest cont.

▣ Applications can be found at [xxxxx](#)

▣ Winners to be announced in May.



▣ Remember to incorporate key messages.



CDFW poster contest cont.

- ▣ **Key message points to cover:**
 - **Never feed a kit fox – either intentionally by attracting them with food, or unintentionally by leaving pet food or trash out, and/or using rodent poisons.**
 - **Always clip up or remove sports nets at schools and recreation areas.**
 - **Never touch or attempt to touch a San Joaquin kit fox.**
 - **Never fill or destroy a burrow – kit foxes are protected by both federal and state laws.**

Judging Criteria

- ▣ Use of three key messages/points - 50 percent
- ▣ Creativity - 20 percent
- ▣ Quality of design - 20 percent
- ▣ Originality - 10 percent (photography permitted but extra credit given to original artwork)
- ▣ More information and guidelines can be found here: xxxxx

Questions

