



WCS™ Chatterbox Audible Raccoon Deterrent Device

Background: Sow (female) raccoons commonly enter attics, chimneys, and crawlspaces to give birth and rear their young (kits). During this time, primary predators to the kits are male (boar) raccoons. The boars will locate active den sites and kill the kits. It is believed that this behavior is either a territorial act, or to force the sow back into estrus. Either way, if a sow senses the presence of a nearby boar, she will often relocate her litter to a safer location. Wildlife Control Operators have long been leveraging this instinctive reaction by using WCS™ eviction products (natural by-products of a boar raccoon) to mimic the boar's presence and to evict the sow and kits without the need for trapping and kit extraction. While eviction products are not guaranteed to work in all cases, they are significantly more successful when paired with another sensory deterrent. The **Chatterbox** works in conjunction with eviction paste or fluid to create a multi-sensory deterrence and boost the efficacy of evictions. The Chatterbox is an audio device that plays and mimics a boar raccoon's growl. It is rechargeable to allow multiple uses out of each device.

Instructions: Before using eviction products, always make sure to exclude any other areas the sow may relocate to. For example, before evicting raccoons from an attic, make sure to install chimney caps and to exclude garage areas first, so the sow doesn't relocate her kits in another area of the home. If you will not be doing exclusion, then add Chatterboxes and eviction products to these areas prior to conducting the actual eviction.

- Apply eviction products to the entry point and around the attic or other inhabited area.
- Place the Chatterbox in areas where the sow will be able to hear it, but ideally out of sight and reach of the raccoon. Most evictions will call for the use of 1-4 Chatterboxes per eviction
- When you turn on the device there will be a 30 second delay to allow you to safely vacate the attic or confined space. This device will run for approximately 30 minutes and then shut off. This device will run for approximately 2 hours in total before needing to be recharged.
- In instances where eviction fluid cannot be used (where prohibited by state law or other specific instances) the Chatterbox can be used independently but may not have the same efficacy as when used in conjunction with eviction products.
- The Chatterbox can be retrieved, recharged, and reused, or treated as an expendable, especially when conducting exterior only services.
- We recommend monitoring the active entry point with remote cameras to confirm the sow has relocated with her kits before closing up the entry point. Inform the property owner that they may hear increased activity in the nights following the eviction process. This is usually a good indication of it working.
- The relocation process is usually completed in one night but may take as long as two or three nights. Occasionally, the sow will leave runs behind, these may need to be extracted manually.
- Eviction is not always 100% effective, but when proper products and techniques are used, it can greatly increase chances and efficacy. Always prepare the property owner that trapping/extraction may be necessary if the eviction process fails.
- Eviction will decrease in efficacy as the kits become older. Birthing periods will vary based on your location, but most raccoons will give birth in early spring and eviction practices will work throughout spring and into summer. It is not uncommon to find sows giving birth throughout the year, so you might use eviction methods in the off seasons in these instances.
- Long press (3 seconds) to turn lights on or off. Lights are preset to a green strobe which has been found to be the most effective. If the mode is changed, short press to change the color or pattern.

ALWAYS USE CAUTION WHEN USING THE CHATTERBOX AND OTHER EVICTION PRODUCTS. YOU ARE TRYING TO MIMIC A PREDATOR'S PRESENCE AND YOU MAY ELICIT A DEFENSIVE RESPONSE FROM THE SOW.