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## Why Are Coyotes Here?

- Created habitat for coyotes by expanding urban areas & greenspaces
- Large rodent populations. Poisons and rodenticides are no longer being sold to general public.
- Accessible garbage & food sources
- Plenty of Green Spaces

## Coyote Facts: From the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)

- Coyotes are wary of humans and avoid people whenever possible
- They have adapted well to living near humans and development
- In urban areas, they tend to be nocturnal - roaming at night looking for food
- Spend daylight hours bedded in bushy or wooded areas
- Unusual for coyotes to show no fear of humans
- No fear of humans or exhibiting aggressive behaviours = habituated to people through feeding (direct or indirect)
- Populations fluctuate based on abundance or scarcity of food
- Low food = higher mortality rate and lower reproduction rates
- Coyote deaths through humans - hunting, trapping, motor vehicle accidents

## Why Co-Exist?

- Adapted urban lifestyles because city environments support them
- Feed primarily on the millions of mice and rats in every city in North America
- One part of our diverse ecosystem
- Eradication programs in North American cities are expensive failures
- Eradication may remove coyotes, but the habitat remains
- Trapping and poisoning programs are not practical because they can not discriminate between coyotes, children, pets and other wildlife - thus exposing all of them to the same risk.
- Co-existence is not an option if an individual coyote has threatened a person
- Aggressive coyote should be removed from the area.
- If people feed coyotes and allow them to feel comfortable around their homes, people and pets, problem coyotes will occur again and again.
- Coyotes are found in every North American city, including Stanley Park in Vancouver, Central Park in NYC, Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston.
- Growing presence of these top predators might not be such a bad thing.
- A top predator will help control other levels of the food chain, prey on pests that most people hate: rodents.



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- Coyotes may also be competing with other animals such as raccoons for food resources. This may help dampen an overpopulation of raccoons

## Coyote Sighting Tips

**Do not run** - triggers a hunt or play instinct in the coyote

**Raise your arms** above your head and act aggressively

**Yell** - the sound will scare it and alert others a coyote is near

**Wave sticks** or throw objects

If the coyote does not run away or acts aggressively towards you:

- Retain eye contact and stay facing the coyote
- Pick up small pets or young children
- Move toward an area of increased activity

## Never Feed Coyotes

Bad for the health and safety of both coyote and community, causing coyotes to lose their natural fear of people and they will become aggressive.

## Keep your house and yard clean

Coyotes are scavengers

**Garbage** - Keep a secure lid on all your garbage, and do not litter

**Compost or leaves** - Keep compost covered and reduce odours by adding newspaper

**Pet food** - Do not feed pets or store food outside

**Tree Fruit** - Coyotes don't mind a tasty fruity snack; pick your tree fruit before it falls

**Rodents** - Clean up anything - including bird seed - that attracts rodents in your yard. Rodents attract coyotes as they make up at least 75% of a coyote diet



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## Pet Safety

### Cats

- keep indoors, removing coyote attractants from your yard - especially at night
- Build outdoor cat runs. Outdoor cats also face potential death from cars, diseases, parasites, raccoons, dogs and coyotes.

### Small Dogs

- Short leash while outside
- Avoid extension leashes
- Supervise your dog when it is off-leash in the yard
- Walk your dog at times and in places that coincide with high pedestrian traffic
- Keep your dog in front of you; if your dog stops, keep an eye on it
- Dog walk with a friend or relative
- Pick up small dogs if a coyote approaches

### Large Dogs

- Little risk to medium sized to large dogs
- Keep large dogs on a leash
- Discourage your dog from feeling comfortable with coyotes by preventing it from “playing” or interacting with a coyote

## Summary

Coyotes are well adapted to living in cities. They are naturally wary but if they become too comfortable with people, they may act aggressively.

With a few simple actions, we can help reduce conflicts between people, pets and coyotes.

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