

# LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: Encounters with Coyotes

People and wild animals live side by side in Ontario. We all share responsibility for preventing and handling human-wildlife conflicts.

Coyotes find their way to residential areas where they may tear open garbage, cause concern for residents and even come into conflict with pets.

## Avoiding Coyote Conflicts

Coyotes are usually wary of humans and avoid people whenever possible. However, they are wild animals and should not be approached.

People should never feed coyotes. Feeding them makes the animals less fearful of humans and habituates them to foods provided by humans. Never attempt to “tame” a coyote.

Do not let pets chase coyotes as it could result in injuries to your pet.

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## What to do if you Encounter a Coyote

Coyote sightings are commonplace. If you see a coyote, keep your distance and the animal will most likely avoid you.

**If you encounter an aggressive coyote, there are several things you should know and do.**

- Never approach or touch a coyote.
- Do not turn your back on, or run from, a coyote.
- Back away from the coyote while remaining calm.
- Stand tall, wave your hands and make lots of noise.
- Carry a flashlight at night to scare off coyotes.
- If a coyote poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety, call 911.