

Coyote Awareness

Tips to help prevent encounters.

It's not uncommon to see coyotes in Clarington. They are part of our natural environment. Preventing and managing human-wildlife conflict requires a community effort. Follow these tips to help prevent encounters and keep you and your pets safe.

1 Discourage coyotes from entering your property by consistently frightening them away. This could mean using motion sensor lights or making lots of noise.

2 Never feed wildlife. Ensure garbage, compost and anything that may attract animals is not accessible.

3 If you encounter a coyote, wave your arms, shout and act aggressively toward it. If approached while walking a small dog, pick your dog up and walk backwards slowly, continuously making loud noise. Don't turn your back.

4 Keep all pets on a leash as per Municipal by-laws and ensure pets are under supervision when they are outside.

5 Sightings of coyotes may be reported to Animal Services at 905-623-7651.

Coyotes are not considered to be a significant threat to people. However, they are wild animals and should be treated appropriately. Feeding coyotes, tolerating them on our property and allowing pets to roam freely contribute to coyotes losing their inhibitions and fear of people.

