

Simple steps to protect your pet(s) from Coyotes:

According to the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, there are many kinds of wildlife that thrive by living near people, including coyotes, red and gray fox, skunks, raccoons, wild turkey, and deer.

In fact, almost all our citizens live in close proximity to coyotes and other smaller predators. These recommendations and links focus on coyotes, but the information also applies to foxes, another commonly seen wild canid (dog).

Coyotes live in urban, suburban, and rural areas and are naturally wary of people, but can definitely become comfortable in neighborhoods where they are not discouraged (by noise and other forms of hazing) or are actually encouraged (by ready sources of food, provided either directly and indirectly).

Please review these simple steps to protect your pets and yourselves from coyotes.

1. ALWAYS BE WITH YOUR PET
2. DON'T KEEP PET FOOD OUTSIDE
3. DO NOT FEED COYOTES
4. SECURELY COVER YOUR TRASH AND CANS
5. CLEAN GRILL AFTER USING
6. AVOID OFF-LEASH WALKS
7. PICK UP THAT POOP-scent attract coyotes
8. DON'T ADD MEAT, BONES, ETC., TO COMPOST
9. DO NOT RUN IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE
10. STICK TO LIGHTED AREAS/CARRY A LIGHT

11. CLEAN UP YOUR YARD/GARDEN
12. REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS VIA THE NEWTON CITY APP/WEBSITE
<http://apps.newtonma.gov/coyote-reports>

For more info please visit:

Learn about coyotes:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-coyotes>

Prevent conflicts with coyotes:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/prevent-conflicts-with-coyotes>

Understanding coyotes:

https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/07/20/Understanding-coyotes.pdf?_ga=2.38287974.419857958.1544628741-446784638.1490296109

Humane Society Information

https://www.humanesociety.org/animals/coyotes?credit=web_id93480558

Info about the Eastern Coyote:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/mammals/eastern-coyote-in-massachusetts.html>