



Be Coyote Aware

Wildlife Safety

Never Feed a Coyote

- Never approach a coyote, their den or their pups
- Never allow your pets to chase, harass or corner a coyote
- Obey leash by-laws
- Dispose of all food items at picnic/ cooking areas in designated bins
- Respect and safely admire coyotes from afar

Coyote Encounter

If a Coyote is Near

- Pick up small children and pets
- Never run or turn your back
- Wave your arms above your head
- Be BIG and LOUD! Yell “Goaway!”
- Slowly back away
- Use hazing techniques such as popping an umbrella, throwing an object or shaking your keys

The City of Vaughan enforces By-law 53-2002, as amended, to discourage the intentional and unintentional feeding of coyotes.

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What is a Coyote?

While usually associated with agricultural lands, woodlots or brushy areas, the Eastern Coyote is able to live in urban centres and developed areas.

Considered keystone predators, playing a vital role in maintaining the balance of their ecosystem, coyotes have keen senses and are highly sociable.

Coyotes mate for life and are attentive parents. Although coyotes are wild animals, they can be curious of human activity. It's important to keep them wary of people. Never approach or attempt to tame a coyote.

What Do They Eat?

Coyotes play an important role in rodent control. With a diet consisting of a variety of foods, including meat, carrion, fruits and vegetables, coyotes feed on mainly small animals such as rats, mice and voles from spring to fall. They might also be interested in food scraps, fallen fruit from trees or bird feed. Remember to keep garbage in enclosed trash and compost bins.

Coyote Awareness

On rare occasions, coyotes and other species can mistake pets for prey, mates or threats.

Keep a close eye on children and pets outdoors at all times. Coyotes are mainly nocturnal, so keep pets inside at night.

Coyotes are also attracted to dog feces, so clean up after your pets.

Be aware! Coyote sightings and vocalizations may increase during seasonal active times of the year such as:

- Winter during mating season (Jan to Feb)
- Spring during den selection and pup rearing (Mar to May)
- Fall during dispersal of pack members (Sep to Dec)

