

BE COYOTE SMART: UCalgary Living with Wildlife (<https://research.ucalgary.ca/wildlife>)



Did you know?

- Less than 3 people per year, on average, are bitten or scratched by coyotes in all of Canada.
- 100 % of bites or scratches to people relate to coyotes being fed by humans (directly or indirectly: see attractants).
- All attacks on people are preventable.
- Coyotes view dogs as a threat to their pups and mates.
- Negative encounters between coyotes and pets are preventable.

To continue to be safe and co-exist with coyotes, please implement the following:

- Give coyotes space – ignore coyote – AVOID and walk away from coyotes.
- Watch for outreach signs that to tell you where coyotes are active.
- Do not attempt to touch or feed a coyote (adult or pup).
- Do not allow pets to chase coyotes.
- Supervise all children when they are using greenspaces or alleys.
- Never allow pets (dogs or cats) to roam free.

Keep coyotes out of your yard and neighbourhood!

- Do not leave **attractants** out in your yard or alley:
 - Garbage OR open compost
 - Dog food
 - Bird seed
 - Fallen fruit from trees
 - Food for other wildlife
- Ensure your yard is coyote proof (your fence does not allow coyotes to enter your yard, decks and sheds are closed off underneath).

Basic rules if you encounter a coyote:

- Stay calm – never run away from or start screaming at a coyote.
- If a coyote is near - calmly pick up children, pull pets next to you and move AWAY from the coyote.
- Have a dog? Move away immediately. Coyotes view dogs as a threat to themselves and puppies.
- If a coyote approaches and you feel concerned, ensure it has somewhere to run to (e.g., coyote is not backed into a corner or stuck between you and another person), then:
 - clap you hands sharply together, raise hands above your head, clap again and sternly say “go away”
- If the coyote continues to approach you can:
 - pop an umbrella open, repeatedly snap a plastic bag, throw a rock or small object near the coyote, and yell go away.