

New York Suburban Coyote Study

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COYOTES increasingly are living in residential areas, and are coming into close contact with people. These close encounters occasionally prove dangerous for people and pets. Understanding that coyotes live nearby is the first step in preventing an unwanted negative interaction with a coyote. We recommend that people take several precautions to prevent conflict with coyotes:

- ◆ Never intentionally feed or approach coyotes; scare coyotes away from your yard; do not allow coyotes to be comfortable lingering in your yard;
- ◆ Prevent unintentional feeding of coyotes by cleaning up bird feeders; stop feeding birds after winter; secure all outdoor trash cans and compost bins; feed all pets indoors, do not leave any food outside such as composting scraps;
- ◆ Supervise all outdoor pets; all outdoor pets are exposed to nature; coyotes may kill or injure a pet, especially small dogs and cats; keep cats inside and safe, or bring cats in at night; keep a close eye on all dogs, especially small dogs; scare away any coyote that approaches your dog;
- ◆ Thin or remove brushy areas near your yard. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide.
- ◆ Keep a close eye on children, especially when they are playing near natural areas.
- ◆ Inform your neighbors of the above steps to prevent negative interactions with coyotes;
- ◆ Be aware, but don't live in fear
- ◆ **KEEP COYOTES WILD, AND PEOPLE SAFE !**

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