

Lyndhurst Animal Control

About Coyotes



Coyote Basics

Coyotes are members of the dog family, weigh 30-60 pounds and typically hunt small mammals such as mice, voles, and rabbits. They communicate in howls, yips and barks. They are shy and nocturnal animals that can live in close proximity to dense residential areas, but rarely be noticed. Substantial populations exist in Northeast Ohio. Generally coyotes will avoid people and quickly move away if encountered.

Safety Concerns



In the unlikely event that a coyote approaches, do not turn and run. Wave your arms and make loud noises. These actions will scare it and reinforce coyotes' natural fear of people.

Coyotes may be more protective and territorial during pup rearing, April through August.

Small children and small pets should not be left unattended in areas, even backyards, where coyotes have been seen.

Though coyotes feed on small mammals, if given the opportunity, they will also make a meal of a cat. Dogs, especially smaller breeds, are also at risk, although attacks on them are more rare. The best way to protect your pets is to let them outside only when you are with them—especially at night—and to keep pet food and water inside. When walking dogs, keep them on a leash.

Keeping Coyotes Away

The presence of unintended food sources may lure coyotes onto your property. Eliminate meals in the form of pet food, compost, loose trash or poorly sealed trash containers. The feeding of wild animals in Lyndhurst is prohibited by City Ordinance.

Trapping and killing coyotes is often difficult to accomplish, may pose a danger to pets, and may not produce lasting results. Lyndhurst Animal Control evaluates each situation and determines the best course of action.

For problems regarding coyotes or other animals, call the Lyndhurst Emergency Communications Center at 440-442-1234. For any emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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