



# TOWN OF IPSWICH

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## Living with Coyotes Conflict Prevention

**DO NOT FEED OR TRY TO PET COYOTES:** Keep wild animals wild! Feeding a wild animal whether direct or indirect, can cause the animal to become habituated to people, leading to bold behavior. Coyotes that rely on natural foods remain wild and wary of humans.

**CLOSE OFF CRAWL SPACES:** Coyotes will use areas under sheds, porches, and homes for resting and raising their young. Close off all areas to prevent animals from using them.

**CUT BACK BRUSH:** These areas provide cover for coyotes and their prey.

**DON'T LET COYOTES INTIMIDATE YOU:** Don't hesitate to scare or threaten coyotes with bright lights, loud noises, or water sprayed from a hose.

**SECURE YOUR GARBAGE:** Coyotes will raid open trash material and compost piles. Secure all garbage in tough plastic containers with tight fitting lids, keep them in secure building when possible. Take out your trash the morning of trash pickup, not the night before. Keep compost in secure, vented containers, and keep barbecue grills clean to reduce attractive odors.

**KEEP BIRD FEEDER AREAS CLEAN:** Use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground, seed attracts small mammals coyotes prey upon. Remove feeders if coyotes are regularly seen around your yard.

**PROTECT LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE:** Coyotes will prey on livestock. Various techniques such as fencing will protect livestock from predation. Clear fallen fruit from around fruit trees.

### PET OWNERS:

Most interactions with pets are caused by intentional or unintentional food availability in the area, once a coyote has found food they will continue coming back for an easy meal. Unfortunately this is when pets can be injured or killed, because they are left outside with no supervision and to a coyote they are considered easy food. Coyotes are naturally timid animals, but may view dogs as a threat or competitor for territory, they will also defend their families during mating and pup rearing season, these instances may lead to conflicts resulting in serious injury or death to a pet. Keep the following do's and don'ts in mind, prevention is the key to protecting your furry family members!

### DO:

- Keep your cats inside
- Keep ALL DOGS on leash.
- Supervise all pets when they are outside-especially at dawn and dusk
- Bring a flashlight while walking
- Avoid walking near edge zones or brushy areas.

### DON'T:

- Let your pet play with or chase coyotes!
- Leave pets unattended outside
- Use retractable leashes