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Below is a link about coyotes that hopefully is informative and useful. The Village will be inviting experts this Fall to discuss coyotes with the community. There is much justified anxiety coupled with a lack of information that needs to be addressed. Hopefully this will be a start of a discussion. The Village has no plans to kill coyotes that are not a danger to residents. We should come up with a science based plan that addresses neighbors fears without resorting to drastic measures.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6971.html>

Highlights on coyote discouragement from DEC website:

Recommendations

Below are steps you should take to reduce and prevent coyote problems from occurring. For additional information see our [wildlife damage control](#) page.

- **Do not feed coyotes and discourage others from doing so** (also see "[Feeding Wildlife: a wrong choice](#)").
- **Unintentional food sources attract coyotes and other wildlife and increase risks to people and pets.** To reduce risks:
 - Do not feed pets outside.
 - Make any garbage inaccessible to coyotes and other animals.
 - Eliminate availability of bird seed. Concentrations of birds and rodents that come to feeders can attract coyotes. If you see a coyote near your birdfeeder, clean up waste seed and spillage to remove the attractant.
- **Do not allow coyotes to approach people or pets.**
- Teach children to appreciate coyotes from a distance.
- If you see a coyote, **be aggressive** in your behavior - stand tall and hold arms out to look large. If a coyote lingers for too long, then make loud noises, wave your arms, or throw sticks and stones.
- Do not allow pets to run free. Supervise all outdoor pets to keep them safe from coyotes and other wildlife, especially at sunset and at night.
- Regulated hunting and trapping increases the "fear" coyotes have towards people.
- Fencing your yard may deter coyotes. The fence should be tight to the ground, preferably extending six inches below ground level, and taller than 4 feet.

- Remove brush and tall grass from around your property to reduce protective cover for coyotes. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide. See "[Tips to Eliminate Wildlife Conflicts](#)" for more information.
- Contact your local police department and NYSDEC regional office for assistance if you notice that coyotes are exhibiting "bold" behaviors and have little or no fear of people.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these same steps.

Respectfully,

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