

# Living with Coyotes in Nova Scotia

Do you know how to protect yourself from an aggressive coyote? If coyotes are seen near your home, learn to identify them and recognize the potential danger.

Coyotes are elusive and normally avoid humans. To **prevent** coyotes from becoming less fearful of people, do not place food sources such as garbage, compost, pet foods or other human waste outside.

If you **encounter** a coyote, slowly back away while remaining calm. Do not turn and run as this actually increases the likelihood that the animal may become aggressive.

If a coyote exhibits **aggressive** behavior, try to appear larger, make noise or throw sticks and rocks. Carry a walking stick when walking in wildlife habitat. Fight back if attacked.

When exercising your dog, always use a leash and try to walk in areas of high pedestrian traffic. Pets should be fed indoors, or if fed outdoors, food dishes should be promptly emptied and removed after pets have eaten. Pets running at large are illegal and at risk from coyotes.



To report a **nuisance** coyote, a listing of Department of Natural Resources offices is available at: [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp) or phone 1-800-565-2224