

The Eastern Coyote is firmly established in New York. They live in New York as an integral part of our ecosystems. People and coyotes can usually coexist if the natural fear of people that coyotes have is maintained. Pets and young children are typically most at risk.

Coyotes provide many benefits to New Yorkers through observation and photography. However, not all interactions are positive. While most coyotes avoid interacting with people, some coyotes in suburbia become emboldened and appear to have lost their fear of people. This can result in a dangerous situation. A coyote that does not flee from people should be considered dangerous.

If you observe this type of behavior you should immediately contact the Ardsley Police Department at 914-693-1700.

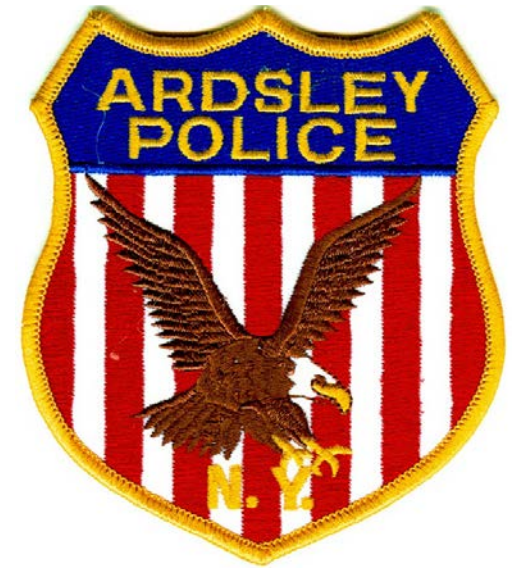
Coyotes and Pets

Cats: Do coyotes kill cats? Absolutely, but so do foxes, dogs, bobcats, vehicles, and even great horned owls. Cat owners need to be aware that cats allowed to roam free are at risk from many different factors. To protect your cat, keep it indoors, or allow it outside only under supervision. Coyotes in some areas appear to be “specialists” at catching and killing cats.

Dogs: Do dog owners need to be concerned about coyotes? The answer is maybe. Conflicts between dogs and coyotes are more likely in March and April when coyotes are preparing for the arrival of pups. Coyotes become exceptionally territorial in an effort to create a safe zone. In general coyotes view other canines (dogs) as a threat. Essentially it comes down to a territorial dispute between your dog and the coyote. Both believe that your yard is their territory.

Owners of large and medium sized dogs have less to worry about, but should still take precautions.

Owners of small dogs have cause for concern. Small dogs are of greatest risk of being harmed or killed by coyotes. Do not leave small dogs unattended and be alert.



Important Information Regarding Coyotes



Coyote Safety Tips

From the New York State DEC

- Do not feed coyotes and discourage others from doing so.
- 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.

- 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 larger. If a coyote lingers for too long, then make loud noises, wave your arms, throw sticks and stones.

Simple tools

Make a shaker- and shake it !!

Put 40 pennies inside an empty soda can, then wrap with shiny aluminum foil and secure it with duct tape. Easy and effective hazing tool.

Carry an umbrella – and pop it !!

This is a portable and easy solution. Animals don't like surprises!

Carry a whistle – and blow it !!

Look around – and improvise!

Be BIG and LOUD, shout, wave your arms above your head, throw handy objects toward (not at) the coyote.

Hazing is powerful and easy for all ages.



Information contained in this pamphlet was obtained from the NYS DEC, The town of Greenburgh Police department and Project Coyote.

The Village of Ardsley Police Department does not endorse or recommend any specific trapper. If you would like professional assistance from a NYSDEC Licensed trapper, you can contact one of the local trappers listed below or any other licensed trapper. A complete list of licensed trappers is available on the NTSDEC website, <http://www.dec.ny.gov>

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Quality Pro Pest & Wildlife

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If you need any additional information do not hesitate to call the Ardsley Police Department at 914-693-1700 or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at 845-256-3000