

COYOTES IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Typical Behavior

- Coyotes are curious and will often observe people and pets from a distance. They are commonly seen both day and night.
- Mating takes place around February with pups born in April or May. Coyotes often become more aggressive during “pupping season”. **Do not approach pups or dens.**
- Coyotes are opportunistic feeders. Their diets shift depending on availability. **Always remove outdoor food sources** (pet food and water, bird feeder spillage and unsecured garbage cans).

Coexisting

- Coyote attacks on humans are extremely rare and are usually caused by an interaction initiated by the person, such as feeding them or investigating their dens. **Never approach, touch, or feed a coyote.**
- **Always supervise children and small pets.**
- Do not allow pets to roam free while unattended and **keep dogs leashed on walks.**
- **Be aware of your surroundings.**

What Do I Do If I See a Coyote?

- **Do not run from a coyote.**
- If approached by a coyote, **make loud noises, yell or wave arms** to frighten away.
- Use whistles, horns or “shaker cans”.
- Throw sticks, rocks or tennis balls *near* the coyote.
- Spray a water hose or squirt gun. Use motion-sensor sprinkler heads.

Reporting a Coyote Sighting

Arlington Heights Police Department has partnered with Scientific Wildlife Management, who will assist the village in tracking and managing the local coyote population. To report a coyote sighting, visit www.scientificwildlifemanagement.com.

If a coyote is trapped, injured, immobilized or is acting aggressively, call 911 or contact the police information desk at 847-368-5300.



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