



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: Protecting Dogs from Coyotes

While coyotes, by nature, are wary of humans, they are opportunistic feeders and have been known to kill small dogs that have been left unattended.

Small dogs may be seen as prey by coyotes, while larger dogs may be injured in a confrontation.

Protecting Your Dog on Your Property

- Coyotes are primarily nocturnal. Keep your dogs inside at night.
- Fence your property with a two-metre-high fence that extends at least 20 centimetres underground as coyotes may dig under a barrier. If you can't fence your yard, keep your dog on leash. If there are coyotes in your area, pet owners should keep a close eye on their pets at all times even if they are in a fenced in yard.
- Clean up after your dog. Coyotes are attracted to dog feces.
- Keep pet food indoors.

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Protecting Your Dog off Your Property

- Keep your dog on leash.
- Carry a flashlight at night to scare off coyotes.
- Do not let your dog chase a coyote as it could result in injury to your dog.

Other tips

- Do not let your dogs roam from your property. Coyote diseases and parasites can be a risk to domestic dog.
- Spay or neuter your dogs. Coyotes are attracted to, and can mate with, domestic dogs that have not been spayed or neutered.