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LIVING WITH COYOTES IN POUND RIDGE.

Coyotes have moved into Pound Ridge. As predators they are keeping the turkey and geese populations in somewhat of a balance. Rodents and small animals are also important to their diet. Sightings are becoming more and more common in our area due to a lack of natural predators. Such sightings in the wild are normal, but there are things you can do to avoid attracting them to your property.

Coyotes will approach a home looking for food, water or shelter. April through June is the peak of coyote pup rearing activity when they will have a higher demand for food; so taking some simple steps now is prudent.

TO DISCOURAGE COYOTES FROM YOUR PROPERTY:

- Do not feed coyotes. They may become less wary of humans as a result.
- Remove anything outside your home that may provide coyotes with food: garbage, pet food, water sources, fallen fruit from trees, birdseed.
- Do not pack bird feeders with more than a days worth of birdseed. Coyotes have developed a taste for birdseed and are attracted to the rodents that eat the fallen seed.
- Feed your pets inside. Do not leave any type of food outdoors for any animal.
- Keep poultry, rabbits, and rodents in enclosures with a secure top.
- Thin brushy areas in your yard and close off crawl spaces coyotes might use for resting or raising young.
- Dispose of garbage and compost debris in containers with secure lids.
- Eliminate odors using a cleanser with a strong unnatural smell, like Clorox or ammonia.
- Put out trash containers on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Use yard lights with motion detectors (appearance of the sudden light may frighten coyotes away.)
- Never compost meat products.

ENCOUNTERING A COYOTE:

Coyotes have a natural wariness of humans and prefer to avoid confrontations. Pets are the likely target.

If you walk in an area with coyote activity, take note of the following tips:

- Carry a personal audible alarm or pocket air horn (available at Chubby's.) Coyotes will run from loud noise.
- Carry a bright flashlight (bright light has also been known to deter coyotes)
- Keep an umbrella in close reach (the action of opening/closing will deter a coyote.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors. When walking always keep your dog, especially if it is small, on a leash.

To discourage a coyote from approaching:

- Make loud noises. Use your air horn.
- Shout and bang pots and pans or rattle empty soda cans filled with pebbles.
- Wave your hands or objects like sticks and brooms.
- Throw small stones or cans.
- **DO NOT RUN OR TURN AWAY; KEEP EYE CONTACT.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE SMALL CHILDREN UNATTENDED OUTSIDE.**

These animals will be in our area for some time to come. By taking sensible precautions we can avoid problems and live peacefully with them in our midst.