

Coyote Response Strategy

Coyote Behavior	Classification	Response
Coyote heard; scat or prints seen	Observation	Distribute educational material and information on normal coyote behavior.
Coyote seen moving through area (day or night)	Sighting	Distribute educational material and information on normal coyote behavior.
Coyote seen resting in area (day or night)	Sighting	If area frequented by people, educate on normal coyote behavior and how to haze to encourage animal to leave. Look for and eliminate attractants.
Coyote entering a yard (no person present outside)	Sighting	Educate on coyote attractants; provide hazing information and yard audit.*
Coyote following or approaching a person with no incident	Encounter	Educate on hazing techniques. Look for and eliminate attractants.
Coyote following or approaching a person and pet with no incident	Encounter	Educate on hazing techniques and pet management. In an open area, post educational signs to alert other residents to keep dogs on leash and to haze coyotes. If it is pup season and there is a known den nearby, consider blocking off the path or area until pup season is over.
Coyote entering a yard with pets, no incident	Encounter	Educate on coyote attractants and pet management, provide hazing information and yard audit.
Coyote entering a yard with people and pets, no pet attack occurring	Encounter	Gather information on specific animals involved and report circumstances. Educate on coyote attractants and pet management, provide hazing information and yard audit.
Coyote injures or kills unattended pet in back yard	Unattended Pet Attack	Gather information on specific animals involved and report circumstances. Educate on coyote attractants and pet management, provide hazing information and yard audit. If multiple incidents have occurred in the same vicinity within a short amount of time, lethal removal may be recommended.
Coyote injures or kills pet off-leash in open space area	Unattended Pet Attack	Gather information on specific animals involved and report circumstances. Educate on pet management and hazing. Look for and eliminate food attractants. Post educational signs in open area to alert other residents to keep dogs on leash and to haze coyotes. If it is pup season and there is a known den nearby, consider blocking off the path or area until pup season is over. Develop hazing team in area. Levy fines (for leash law violations) when appropriate.
Coyote injures or kills livestock	Livestock Loss/Depredation	Gather information on specific animals involved and report circumstances. Educate on proper livestock husbandry (including the use of secure enclosures, livestock guarding animals, and/or proper fencing).

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Coyote Behavior	Classification	Response
Coyote injures or kills pet off leash with human nearby (within six feet)	Attended Pet Attack	Gather information on specific animals involved and report circumstances. Educate on pet management, coyote attractants and hazing. Perform yard/ neighborhood/public area audit. Post educational signs and/or send educational materials to residents in the area. Implement high intensity hazing techniques (by Animal Control Officers, police, trained volunteer groups etc.). If multiple incidents have occurred in the same vicinity within a short amount of time, lethal removal may be recommended.
Coyote aggressive toward person, showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping without contact	Incident	Gather information about incident and report circumstances. Educate on pet management, coyote attractants and hazing. Perform yard/neighborhood/ public area audit. Post educational signs and/or send educational materials to residents in the area. Implement high-intensity hazing techniques (Animal Control Officers, police, trained volunteer groups etc.) If multiple incidents have occurred in the same vicinity within a short amount of time, lethal removal may be recommended.
Coyote has bitten human (An attack where the involved human does not encourage the coyote to engage)	Unprovoked Human Attack	Identify and gather information on all details of attack (including action of victim before and after attack, were involved, action of victim towards coyote and how incident was resolved). Any human bitten by a coyote(s) will need to seek the advice of their physician concerning the administration of a post exposure rabies vaccination. Animal Control Staff will notify the City Manager, Halton Regional Police Services and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). City staff will work with MNRF to locate and eliminate the responsible coyote (be tested for rabies, and also be given a full necropsy to determine general health and whether feeding was involved). Educate residents on coyote attractants, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing and pet management. Implement high-intensity hazing techniques (Animal Control Officers, police, trained volunteer groups etc.).
Coyote has bitten human (Human encouraged coyote to engage by hand feeding, approaching coyote with pups, intervening during pet attack, etc.)	Provoked Human Attack	Identify and gather information on all details of attack (including action of victim before and after attack, whether feeding or pets were involved, action of victim towards coyote and how incident was resolved). Any human bitten by a coyote(s) will need to seek the advice of their physician concerning the administration of a post exposure rabies vaccination. Animal Control Staff will notify the City Manager, Halton Regional Police Services and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). City staff will work with MNRF to locate and eliminate the responsible coyote (be tested for rabies, and also be given a full necropsy to determine general health and whether feeding was involved). Educate residents on coyote attractants, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing and pet management. Levy fines (for wildlife feeding or leash law violations) when appropriate. Implement high-intensity hazing techniques (Animal Control Officers, police, trained volunteer groups etc.)