CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES

Montréal
Coyotes play an important role in maintaining the ecological balance. Timid by nature, they do not usually present a danger to the safety of people. Since coyotes are wild animals, there are some instructions you should follow to avoid allowing them to become too used to humans.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**
Coyotes have adapted well to urban settings even if they naturally fear humans.

- Coyotes are active at night.
- Coyotes feed mainly on small rodents.
- In urban settings, coyotes are found mostly in green spaces (parks, golf courses, wasteland, power lines and railway corridors).
- Coyotes can transmit some diseases to humans, such as rabies.
- Ville de Montréal intervenes when the presence of a sick, wounded or abnormally aggressive coyote compromises the safety of citizens.

**What to do if you encounter a coyote**
- Remain calm.
- Give the animal enough space to escape.
- Do not approach or feed the animal.

**If the coyote does not leave**
- Try to appear larger by raising your arms.
- Make noise or shout to frighten the animal.
- Throw objects in its direction without aiming directly at the animal to avoid making it aggressive.
- Step away slowly. Do not turn your back on the animal; maintain eye contact.
- Do not run.
- Call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**At home**
- Teach your children to never approach a coyote or any other wild animal.
- Do not feed coyotes and pets outdoors.
- Keep your garbage out of reach of wild animals.
- Fruit that falls from fruit trees represents an attractive food source for coyotes. Pick it up.

**Safety of pets**
- Keep your dog(s) on a leash and walk only on maintained trails, as required by the city's animal control by-law.
- Keep your cat(s) indoors, especially at night.

**To notify the city of the presence of a coyote or to obtain information about the animal, call 438-872-COYO (2696).**

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