

# CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES

Advice for Dog Owners



Montréal 

## **DOGS AND COYOTES: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Coyotes closely resemble our pet dogs and share some similar behaviours. Most interactions with coyotes in urban settings are the result of the presence of a dog. Coyotes are naturally fearful but may consider your dog as a threat or competitor for food resources and their territory.

### **How to prevent encounters with a coyote**

To keep your dog safe in an area where coyotes have been spotted, follow these recommendations:

- In compliance with Ville de Montréal's animal control by-law, keep your dog on a leash at all times.
- Walk only on maintained trails.
- Have your dog vaccinated to protect it from the risk of disease transmission.
- Never feed a coyote (or any other wild animal) and keep food out of reach.

### **If you encounter a coyote with your dog**

- Remain calm.
- Give the animal enough space to escape.
- Do not approach the animal.
- Never encourage or allow your dog to interact or "play" with a coyote.

### **If the coyote does not leave:**

- Try to appear larger by standing erect and lifting your arms.
- Make noise or shout to frighten the animal.
- Keep your dog close to you or pick it up in your arms, then head for a busier area.
- Step away calmly. Back up slowly while maintaining eye contact with the coyote.
- Throw objects in its direction without aiming directly at the animal to avoid making it aggressive.
- Change your routine to avoid this "risk" area for a while.
- Call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**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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