



# Coexisting with Canids



## Basic Prevention and Safety Tips



### **Know your wild neighbours.**

We share our urban and rural spaces with an array of fascinating species. Be wildlife-aware. Enjoy your surroundings and keep a safe and respectful distance from wild animals.



### **Don't invite unwanted houseguests.**

Keep your home properly sealed to exclude and discourage wildlife. Remove food attractants: secure garbage/compost containers, pick up dog feces, and clean outdoor grills. Reconsider bird feeders: they attract small mammals which, in turn, encourage carnivores to visit your yard.



### **Be a responsible pet owner.**

Free-roaming pets are vulnerable to a multitude of dangers. 92% of conflict between wildlife and domestic dogs occurs when dogs are running at large. For everyone's safety, obey leash laws and keep cats indoors or in a secured enrichment area.



### **Do not feed wildlife.**

Feeding a wild animal will increase its proximity tolerance to people and pets. Direct feeding also attracts unintended/secondary wildlife and can ultimately put animals and people in harm's way.

Visit [coyotewatchcanada.com](http://coyotewatchcanada.com) for comprehensive resources about human-wildlife safety and coexistence.

## What to Do if a Coyote or Fox Approaches You

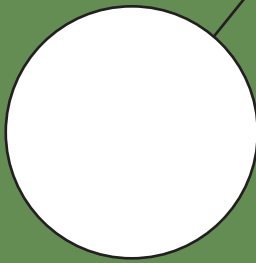
**STOP:** Pick up children and small pets, if necessary.

**STAND STILL:** Never run from a coyote, fox or domestic dog.

**MAKE YOURSELF BIG:** Wave your hands above your head.

**BE LOUD AND ASSERTIVE:** Shout "Go Away!", stomp your feet or clap your hands.

**SLOWLY BACK AWAY:** Be assertive as you leave, so the animal knows it is not welcome.



# Keeping Coyotes Away



## Setting Boundaries Using Humane Deterrents

Humane hazing (or aversion conditioning) is a method of negative association that **safely compels wildlife such as coyotes, foxes or wolves to move away from humans**, sometimes through the use of deterrents.

**Hazing has been used with great success around the world** with many species, including bears and tigers.

## Basic Hazing Techniques

- **Stand tall, make yourself big, shout (don't scream) "Get Back!" and wave your arms** until the coyote retreats.
- **Use a noisemaker**, such as: your voice, an air horn or whistle, pots and pans banged together, a shake can (such as a pop can filled with coins or pebbles), a large plastic garbage bag being snapped, jingling keys, or an umbrella popping open and closed.
- **Use a projectile (toward, not AT the coyote)**, such as: sticks, clumps of dirt, small rocks, or a tennis ball.
- **During warm months, use liquids**, such as: a garden hose, a water gun, or water balloons.

For more information about coyotes in urban spaces, coyote behaviour, genetics, safety and coexistence, visit [coyotewatchcanada.com](http://coyotewatchcanada.com).



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