



# Coyotes in the City

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# ANIMAL SERVICES

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# Coyotes in Mississauga – History of Coyotes in Mississauga, City Initiatives, Coexisting Safely

Photo- Kevin Golden



# Mississauga Coyote Activity 1995 - 2000

- 1995 – 1996 Increased coyote activity in Meadowvale
- City Staff conduct foot patrols of affected Parks
- Public Information Meeting Held
- Signage posted in affected Parks
  
- 1996 -1999 Sightings continue to rise
- 1999 – 7 cases of conflicts with dogs
  
- 2000 – Participate in GTA coyote sessions, network with other Municipalities, submit Mississauga stats. for urban study.



2000 Coyote and fox activity drops off drastically  
due to mange pandemic.



## Rodent & Rabbit Populations Increase Dramatically as a Result





## 2000 - Today

Based on an increase in Animal Services Hotline and Dispatch calls it would appear coyote activity on the rise.

2000 – 2008	19-30 calls per year
2009 – 2011	50-60 calls per year
2012 -	62 calls – 3 months

Still evidence of mange in coyote and fox populations.

Reported Coyote/Dog conflicts – 0-2 annually

# Reported Activity

Photo - Holly Gardiner

Sightings on Public and Private Property  
Dog/Coyote Conflicts  
Sick/Injured/Dead Coyotes





# Contact Animal Services

To Report Injured Animals – 24/7





# Report Sick Animals

## 24-7 Emergency Response





# Report Unusual Wildlife Behaviour





# Report Feeding of Wildlife





# Report A Wildlife Conflict with a Person or Pet



For News, Alerts and To Learn More...

Visit E- City

[www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)

Visit Animal Services

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# Additional Initiatives in Mississauga

- Wildlife Hotline – Monitor Activity/Reports
- Provide Information to Area Schools and School Boards
- Community Outreach Programs
- Develop Educational Materials
- Online – E-City – Educational/Alerts
- Media Articles and Alerts
- Public Education Sessions
- Networking with Wildlife Experts and Municipalities

# Posting of Coyote Signage

**CAUTION**  
**COYOTES IN THE AREA**  
**AVOID THE AREA**  
**BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN**  
**THERE IS A POTENTIAL**  
**DANGER TO PETS**

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**IF YOU DO USE THE AREA**  
**KEEP YOUR DOG LEASHED AND CLOSE BY AT ALL TIMES**  
**WALK IN PAIRS OR SMALL GROUPS**  
**CARRY DETERRENTS SUCH AS FLASHLIGHTS, WHISTLES**  
**ALARMS, WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS**  
**IF YOU COME INTO CONTACT WITH A COYOTE DO NOT**  
**ATTEMPT TO CHASE, CORNER, OR HARASS, AND IF**  
**NECESSARY, USE DETERRENTS OR MAKE LOUD NOISE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL**  
**WORKS DISPATCH AT 905-615-3200 EXT 3000 OR**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL AT 905-615-3200 EXT 5858**

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## New Legislation To Prohibit the Feeding of Wildlife

**NEW!** – Animal Care and Control By-Law 0098-04 amended to Prohibit the Feeding of Wildlife.

Maximum Fine  
\$5000.00

**Feeding of Coyotes  
has been linked to  
problem coyotes!**





# When to Call Animal Services

- To report unusual wildlife activity or conflict
- To report a sick or injured animal
- To report feeding of wildlife
- For Information
  
- Dispatch - 905-896-5858
- After Hours - 905-615-3000
- Emergency Situations - 911
  
- **Call 311 or Visit Our Web Site [www.mypetmississauga.ca](http://www.mypetmississauga.ca)**

# How To Coexist in Harmony with Wildlife

Learn how to avoid conflicts and to make informed choices about our wildlife and natural areas.





# Practice Proper Waste Management

- Keep garbage stored in sealed containers, place to curb on morning of pick up
- Compost in Sealed Containers





# Do Not Feed or Tame Wild Animals



# Protecting Your Property and Home

- Clean debris/clutter from around home
- Clean BBQ's
- Pick ripened vegetables and fruit/windfalls
- Close or repair openings under decks or sheds
- Do not feed pets outdoors
- **Do not feed wildlife**
- Clean up spillage from bird feeders, only place enough seed for a few hours, remove feeders if they are attracting unwanted wildlife or rodents
- Install fencing/rollers/motion sensors



# Keep Pets Safe

- Vaccinate pets against rabies
- Walk dog's on 6' leash at all times
- Supervise pets in the yard
- Do not feed pets outdoors
- Keep cats indoors OR provide safe enclosures
- Do not house pets outdoors
- Licence and Report Lost Pets





# Keep Your Family Safe

- Learn about the wildlife in your City
- Teach children safety around all animals
- Never leave young children unattended
- **DO NOT FEED OR TAME WILDLIFE**
- Avoid walking in isolated areas or woodlots at dusk and dawn
- Carry an audible alarm, umbrella, cell phone

## **IF YOU SEE A COYOTE**

- Stay calm, hold your ground, NEVER RUN
- If approached make yourself appear larger and clap your hands/shout

# Keep Informed and Contact Experts to Assist or Advise You about Wildlife Situations





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