

# Coyotes



As Humans expand their living areas and coyotes expand their range, contact between the two is inevitable. Most of the time, coyotes go out of their way to avoid humans. In urban areas the coyotes are changing their behavior. The most serious problem is that the animals have become very use to people. As they lose their fear of people they will become bolder, approaching people, and may put themselves in hazardous situations that they would normally avoid. Coyotes are not like a dog, it is dangerous to approach or corner these animals. They are smart and they learn quickly. They can be dangerous, and steps should be taken to avoid encouraging them to visit your neighborhood. That means close garbage cans lids tightly, do not leave any food outside, and do not leave small pets outside unattended. Coyotes have been known to attack caged rabbits, cats, and frequently take small dogs. It is best not to leave small animals outside alone, if you must leave an animal outside it is recommended that you leave lights on, this may deter the coyote from entering your property. Most towns in Bergen and Passaic Counties have a thriving population of Coyotes.

In recent history, there have been attacks on humans in these counties. It is always best to avoid all wildlife. People should always be cautious when dealing with all wildlife, no matter how cute an animal is you should not attempt to catch or touch them. This is very important if the animal is injured or sick. If you find an injured or sick animal always call your police and let them dispatch professionals to handle the situation.