

Coyote Information

In response to recent reports of coyote activity in the Willowbrook area, the Willowbrook Wildlife Center (located in Glen Ellyn) has provided the following Coyote deterrent techniques:

- ◆ Do not approach wildlife.
- ◆ Do not feed wildlife, causing them to become habituated to humans and their homes.
- ◆ Avoid overfilling bird feeders.
- ◆ Keep all garbage containers closed and inaccessible. Add ammonia or pepper spray to discourage rummaging.
- ◆ Be sure grills and barbeques are kept clean to avoid attracting animals. Clean up after fruit bearing trees.
- ◆ Obey leash laws. Small dogs on the loose are attractive prey for coyotes, especially at night. Cats should be kept indoors, along with pet food and water bowls.
- ◆ Coyotes are creatures of habit and can learn our routines. To avoid encounters, vary the time of day or route used for walking your pet.
- ◆ Don't invite coyotes to build dens next to or under your home: seal crawl spaces of decks, concrete slabs, porches, and sheds with welded wire; keep garage doors closed.
- ◆ Thin out, trim, and clear away shrubbery and ground cover vegetation that may provide cover for prey or for coyotes.
- ◆ Use motion sensor lights for front, back, or side yards.
- ◆ Provide supervision at all times for small children.