

# BE COYOTE CONSCIOUS!



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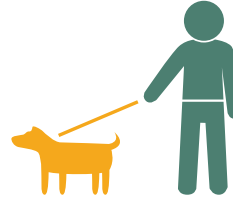
From forests and fields to greenspaces in our cities and towns, coyotes are a part of New York's landscape. People and coyotes can share these spaces if we keep coyotes wild by taking these actions:



NEVER feed coyotes. When coyotes associate people with food, it's bad for people and bad for coyotes.



Feed pets indoors. Secure garbage cans and cover compost piles. Remove bird feeders after April 1 and anytime coyotes have been observed in the area.



Do not leave pets outside, unsupervised. Walk dogs on a leash.



Appreciate coyotes from a distance. If you encounter a coyote, be loud and make yourself seem bigger to scare the coyote away.



Secure livestock in predator-resistant pens, especially at night.

## COYOTES are an important part of New York's landscape,

helping to control populations of rodents, rabbits, and other small animals. Coyotes are here to stay. Following these simple rules and being coyote conscious can help reduce conflicts between humans, coyotes, and other wildlife.



Coyotes are about the size of a medium-sized dog, on average about 35 lbs.