

## Benefits and Challenges

### Benefits:

- Help control the Canada Goose population.
- Keeps the rodent populations in check.
- There has **not** yet been any fatal coyote attacks in the mid west.

### Challenges:

- Have attacked pets in the past,so always watch your pets and don't leave them outside.
- Coyotes can eat garbage and compost, so try to keep a sealed lid on it.

## Response:

### What Should We Do?

To resolve this coyote conflict, we need to educate people on what to do about coyotes.

Citizens of Shorewood should learn to 'haze' coyotes. Hazing includes:

- Waving your arms
- Yelling
- Throwing sticks or stones **near** the coyote
- Spraying water **near** the coyote

when the coyote is in the vicinity.

These tactics scare the coyote away, so they will not be as aggressive. For a video on coyotes hazing from Public Health of Madison and Dane County, go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIC8KTDiIRs>

## Urban Coyotes



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## Urban Population Info.

**Urban Population Info. : Is information on the population of coyotes in urban areas**

### Facts About Coyotes

- There is no way to know exactly how many coyotes are in our urban areas, but we estimate about 5,000-10,000
- Coyotes hide almost everywhere
- Coyotes will live in bushes, holes, or any other blocked off area

## Adaptions

**Adaptations: means to adapt in a certain area**

### Quick Facts

coyotes say...

- bark-warn danger/mating calls
- yips
- growls-back off!
- whines-sad/I want some
- howls

### behaviors/adaptations

- coyotes dig holes to find water
- get attracted to left out food such as pet food, bird feeders, human food etc.
- if doesn't attract coyotes then it will attract coyotes prey
- dont hunt in packs
- form packs to stay safe

## Background info

Facts about coyotes

- Coyotes can live up to 14 years.
- When full grown they usually weigh about 20-40 pounds.
- From nose to tail their length will usually be 32-48 inches.
- A female coyote will have about 2-7 pups in a litter.
- Males will stay for about 6-9 months then go off on their own.
- Female pups will stay with their mothers then join their mothers pack.

### Migration

- Coyotes have most likely come from northern Canada and Alaska.
- Coyotes will keep expanding where they live to find more food, shelter and water.

### Habitats and hunting

- habitats include fields, plains, bushy areas and dens can be made out of badger holes, logs and caves
- coyotes hunt mostly at night, coyotes are omnivores
- a coyote's diet is usually made up of watermelon, dead animals, rabbits, rodents, berries, deer and fish