



## FROM THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG POLICE DIVISION

### Coyote Information and Tips

There have been several coyote sightings around Perrysburg. Coyotes are nocturnal creatures, mostly active from dusk until dawn. Coyotes typically avoid people, but could become fearless due to intentional or unintentional feeding.

## COYOTE INFORMATION AND TIPS

If you see a coyote near your home, please remember the following:

- Do not turn your back or run;
- If you are being followed by a coyote, make yourself look big and make loud noises;
- Always protect small children or companion animals/pets;
- Keep animals and pets in a fenced area and keep them in a secure shelter at night;
- Tightly secure garbage cans with bungee cords or rope;
- Keep bird feeders from overflowing;
- Eliminate artificial water sources and ponds;
- Fence vegetable gardens or use a greenhouse;
- Clear bushes and dense weeds where coyotes may find cover;
- Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks, and sheds.

## COYOTE DETERRENT METHODS

- Yell and wave your arms while approaching the coyote;
- Use Noisemakers: Voice, whistles, air horns, bells, “shaker” cans full of marbles or pennies, pots, lid or pie pans banged together;
- Use things you can throw: Sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls or rubber balls;
- Other methods: Hoses, water guns with vinegar water, spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray or bear repellent;
- Dog walking tools: Homemade noisemakers, whistle or small horn, squirt guns, pepper spray.

For more information, consult the Humane Society website:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coyote-hazing>