

COYOTES

With the recent sightings in our area, here are some tips to keep in mind and stay safe!

- * Never feed a coyote
- * Do not feed pets outside, where their food might attract a coyote
- * Do not allow pets to run free (remember, there are leash laws in effect for both cats and dogs!)
- * If you see a coyote, yell, throw rocks, sticks, etc. This will keep them afraid of humans.
- * Eliminate bird seeds spilled around feeders - this attracts rodents, which will attract coyotes
- * Make sure garbage receptacles are secure



Can we eliminate coyotes?

Coyotes appear to be here to stay. When the coyote population becomes low in an area, through hunting or trapping, the species produces more young. Studies indicate that it would require removing nearly 70% of the species each year to achieve a constant population reduction. Coyotes are not a protected species in Florida, so it is legal to kill or trap them at any time of the year, provided all state and local hunting, trapping and firearms regulations are obeyed. It is illegal in Florida to use poison to kill coyotes or any animals other than rats.