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COYOTE SIGHTINGS IN THE VILLAGE

For Informational Purposes: A coyote is midway in size between a fox and a wolf. An adult male is about 44-52 inches long, including its 14 inch tail and weighs from 25 to 42 pounds. The female coyote is about 1/5 smaller in size and weight. Long thin legs, a tapered muzzle and rather large, pointed ears characterize this member of the dog family. The coyote's black-tipped bushy tail, which comprises about third of the body length, is carried below the level of the back when the coyote is running. Wolves, on the other hand, hold their tail up while running. The basic body color ranges from a dull yellow to gray. Steps should be taken to avoid attracting coyotes. Some tips are listed below.

Urban Coyote Management

1. Walk pets on leashes. Do not leave them alone outside, especially at night.
2. Kennels should have a chainlink fence, concrete floor and a roof (Check Local ordinances before putting up).
3. Remove food items, such as pet food, birdseed and food in compost piles.
4. Put garbage out the day of the removal in secure garbage cans.
5. Discourage potential prey, such as rabbits, mice, chipmunks and ground squirrels by trapping, keeping the grass mowed and removing birdseed.
6. Do not feed the coyotes.
7. Don't leave small children outside unattended. Tell children to come into the house if they see a strange dog in the yard.
8. Turn yard lights on at night if you are going outside so you can see better.
9. Leave radios on outside while people are outside.
10. Encourage other people in the neighborhood to take precautions.
11. For more information on coyotes you may order a 4-page DNR fact sheet "The Coyote" (Publication WM-148). Available from: DNR, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or online at www.dnr.state.wi.us

Please feel free to contact the Village Hall with any questions or comments you may have about this problem. Thanks for your help.