



# COEXISTING WITH COYOTES

***Coyotes are becoming more common in urban areas, including Jefferson Parish, due to land development and food availability.***

- **Watch your pets.** Keep cats indoors, and never leave small dogs outside unsupervised, or let any dog out of your yard off leash.
- **Secure food sources.** Store garbage in containers and feed pets indoors OR remove the food after they have finished eating. Do not leave food accessible around the clock for an outdoor animal, as this will draw in wildlife.
- **Keep your yard tidy.** Keep grass cut and bushes trimmed to prevent creating a welcoming space for wildlife.
- **Coyote attacks are rare.** If you see a coyote you can raise your arms and yell, make a loud noise, or even throw something in the direction of the coyote to drive them away (this is called hazing).

Please refer to the Coyote Management Plan at [JeffParish.net/Coyotes](http://JeffParish.net/Coyotes) for additional resources.

Contact the JPAWS Humane Division for tips and advise on how to help mitigate a coyote issue in your neighborhood and we will provide alternative non-lethal recommendations by calling **(504)-349-5536**.