



COYOTES in Lake County: Who to Call and When

<u>Call:</u>	<u>When:</u>
<u>Lake County Health Department – Animal Care and Control</u> <i>(after seeking medical attention for a bite)</i> Phone: 847-377-4700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coyote has bitten a human or pet • A coyote is seriously ill or injured • A coyote is in a confined area (building or fenced yard) and is unable to leave
<u>Lake County Forest Preserve District – Operations Office/Ranger Police</u> Phone: 847-367-6640 (M-F, 6:30am-6pm) Other hours, call Sheriff or 911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coyote is acting aggressively toward a human or a pet <u>within a Forest Preserve</u>
<u>Lake County Sheriff’s Department</u> Phone: 847-549-5200 or 911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coyote is <i>in the act</i> of attacking a person or pet <u>in unincorporated Lake County</u>
<u>Local Municipal Law Enforcement</u> Phone: 911, or check local listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coyote is <i>in the act</i> of attacking a person or pet <u>within a municipality’s boundaries</u>
<u>Illinois Department of Natural Resources</u> Phone: 847-608-3100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general information about coyotes
<i>NOTE: The agencies listed above will not, for example, respond to a coyote walking through a neighborhood or in an open area or if there is a coyote den on your property.</i>	
<u>Private Nuisance Wildlife Professional</u> Phone: Check local listings or go to: https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/class-a-operators/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you want a coyote removed from your property – State and local permits and regulations apply

Coyotes are rarely dangerous to people. The key to living with coyotes is remembering that they are naturally afraid of people. The most effective way to prevent a bad encounter with a coyote is to reinforce this natural fear through your behavior. If a coyote is seen in its natural habitat, it is fine to watch it from a distance. Coyotes are often seen in neighborhoods near natural areas. Never approach a coyote, let your dog approach it, or feed it. If you are approached by a coyote, or it comes into your yard, scare it away by shouting at it and waving your arms over your head. Using an air horn or whistle will also help scare coyotes away from approaching you. These actions will reinforce the coyote’s natural fear of people and teach it that your yard is not available territory.

Additional Suggested Resources:

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/wildlife/Pages/Coyote.aspx>
<https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/>
- Lake County Forest Preserve District
<https://www.lcfd.org/faqs/#247>
<https://www.lcfd.org/conservation/preventing-issues/>
- The Ohio State University Urban Coyote Project
<https://urbancoyoteresearch.com/>