



# Coyote Pup Rearing Season

Coyote sightings may decrease during the early spring as the pack sticks close to the den, which may be dug by the coyote or in a variety of locations such as hollow logs, an existing burrow previously occupied by another animal, or a brushy thicket.

It is important to keep caution when visiting possible den areas as this is a highly-sensitive period for coyotes, and their behavior towards their litters can be extremely protective. A human with or without a pet may experience a type of behavior known as 'escorting,' where a coyote may follow at a closer distance than usual in order to remove you from the area.

**To prevent conflicts with coyotes, residents are encouraged to stay alert and follow these actionable tips:**



When near possible dens, hazing techniques during pup season can be ineffective and can further escalate any tense situations.



Keeping pets on leash and close to you is crucial. Coyotes are intolerant of dogs during this time and may bite or attack if they feel threatened.



The best course of action is to leave the area as confidently as possible, without running.



Remove food sources from yard (bird seed on ground, pet food, compost, garbage outside of bin).

**Coyotes are an important part of Avon Lake's landscape. Keep your distance and enjoy the wildlife viewing experience. Did you know that coyotes ...**

- are native to North America?
- have a wide variety in their diet?
- mate for life?
- typically are shy in nature?
- use many forms of communication?
- live in major cities?

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