

## Guidelines for Discouraging Neighborhood Coyotes

Generally, coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact.

However, Coyotes who have adapted to urban and suburban environments may realize there are few real threats and may approach people or visit yards even when people are present. These coyotes have lost their fear of humans, probably due to the availability of food that they have become accustomed to feeding upon in your neighborhood. These bold coyotes should not be tolerated or enticed but instead given the clear message that they are not welcome.

Here is list of tools that homeowners can use to effectively discourage coyotes.

- Hazing
- "Go away coyote!"
- Dog-walking tactics
- With-in your yard tactics

**Coyote Hazing:** Hazing is a method that makes use of deterrents, such as loud sounds, to move an animal out of an area or discourage an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain a coyote's fear of humans and deter them from backyards and play spaces.

Use a variety of different hazing tools so that coyotes don't get used to redundant or single stimulus devices or sounds.

Yelling and waving your arms while approaching the coyote is a simple yet effective deterrent.

Noisemakers: Voice, whistles, air horns, bells, "shaker" cans full of marbles, pots, lid or pie pans banged together.

Objects: sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls or rubber balls.

Other: hoses, water guns or spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray or repellents.

**"Go away coyote!":** The simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being loud and large.

Stand tall, wave your arms, and yell at the coyote, approaching him if necessary, until he runs away.

If a coyote has not been hazed before, he may not immediately run away when you yell at him. If this happens, you may need to walk towards the coyote and increase the intensity of your hazing.

The coyote may run away, but then stop and look back at you. It is important to haze the coyote until he completely leaves the area. Use different tactics (see above) if necessary to get him to leave.

**Dog-walking tools:** There are several tools that you can carry with you while walking your dog that can be used to repel coyotes. These include: Homemade noisemakers, Whistle or small air horn (you can purchase small air horn "necklaces"), Squirt guns, Pepper spray Sticks or other objects to throw towards (but not at) the coyote

**In your yard:** Remember, keeping pets and pet food inside while securely containerizing your garbage is the best way to keep coyotes out of your yard. If you do encounter coyotes, all of the above methods can be used in your yard at home.

**Important things to remember:** Never run away from a coyote! The coyote may not leave at first, but if you approach him closer and/or increase the intensity of your hazing, he will run away for good after a couple times.

To report an aggressive coyote or for more assistance call Animal Control at 732-855-0600 ext. 2034

Resource from the 2015 The Humane Society of the United States webpage Feb 2015

**FREE RABIES CLINIC 2021**

**Where: WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**2 GEORGE FREDRICK PLAZA, WOODBRIDGE, NJ 07095**

**When: September 21st 2021**

**Time: 4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Micro-chipping Clinic will be held on same night—Fee \$25.00**

- All dogs and cats five months or older must have a license with the Township of Woodbridge and be inoculated.
  - Please bring license, proof of prior year rabies inoculation and spaying/neutering certificate.
    - License may be purchased at the time of the clinic.
    - All animals must be accompanied by an adult.
  - Dogs must be on a leash; cats must be contained in a carrier.

**MASKS REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCED**

**This will be an outdoor clinic.**

New Ordinance for Dogs and Cats Licenses.

Seniors 65+, reduced licensing fee, please inquire.

**License Fees:**

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Dog Spayed/Neutered         | \$15.00 |
| Dog Non Spayed/Non Neutered | \$18.00 |
| Cat Spayed/Neutered         | \$13.00 |
| Cat Non Spayed/Non Neutered | \$23.00 |

Please call (732) 855-0600, Ext 5003 or 5004

**State Laws will be enforced by Woodbridge Township**

No fee with Proof of License

Non Resident or without License Fee \$10.00



John E. Mc Cormac

Mayor



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Dennis M. Green

Health Director

# I'VE FOUND A BABY BIRD,

## WHAT DO I DO?



IS THE BIRD HURT OR STUCK (UNABLE TO FLUTTER WINGS, BLEEDING, WEAK OR ATTACKED BY DOG/CAT)?

NO

YES

CALL A PERMITTED  
NJ WILDLIFE  
REHABILITATOR

IS THE BIRD FEATHERED?

NO

YES

IT'S A **NESTLING**.  
CAN YOU FIND THE  
NEST? IS IT INTACT?

NO

CALL A PERMITTED  
NJ WILDLIFE  
REHABILITATOR

YES

PLACE THE BABY BACK  
IN THE NEST AND  
OBSERVE IT FROM A  
DISTANCE FOR AN HOUR.  
ARE THE PARENTS  
VISITING THE NEST?

YES

LEAVE THE AREA,  
THE BABY IS OK

NO

CALL A PERMITTED  
NJ WILDLIFE  
REHABILITATOR

NO

GENTLY HERD THE BIRD TO  
BUSHES OR NEARBY  
SHELTER AND OBSERVE IT  
FROM A DISTANCE FOR AN  
HOUR. ARE THE PARENTS  
VISITING THE NEST?

NO

YES

LEAVE THE AREA,  
THE BABY IS OK


YES






## Animals in the Community—Education on Township Website (Click screenshot for hyperlink)

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### Pet Abandonment Is Illegal

Dog abandonment can lead to the pet's injury or death from motor vehicles or other animals. It also endangers the public and other pets in the form of animal bits and vehicle accidents.

Cat abandonment is cruel and can lead to the establishment of feral cat colonies. When abandoned, a domestic cat becomes feral (wild) and must hunt and kill for food. If you are feeding stray cats in your backyard or place of business, we ask that you trap them and have them neutered before they reproduce.

If you are a resident and are unable to keep your pet please call the Woodbridge Animal Shelter for information and assistance at 732-855-0600, ext. 5007.