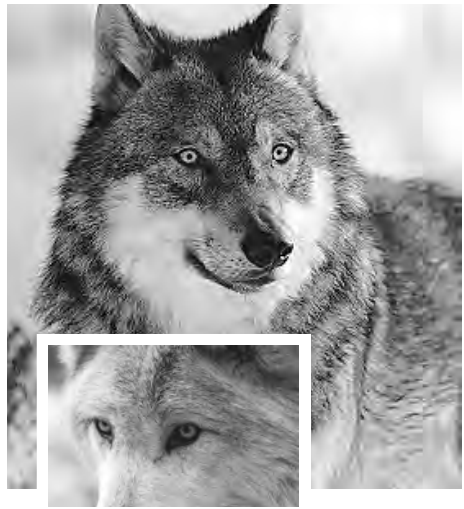


# What to do when coyotes and wolves come to your place for lunch.



Coyotes are intelligent and will adapt easily. They can be seen roaming the streets and neighbourhoods Yukon communities. If these wild animals have access to unnatural food sources, they can lose their fear of humans.

Wild animals that have been conditioned to be near humans, pets and our food can become aggressive and dangerous. Changes in a wild animal's natural behaviour often leads to their death.

Conservation Officers can some times live-trap wild animals that have become a nuisance and relocate them away from residential areas. But in cases where the animal acts aggressively or kills pets that are well cared for, the animal must be destroyed.

Over the years, there have been a few cases of coyotes attacking people in Whitehorse. Conservation Officers who destroyed these problem animals thought they had likely been fed by people at some time before the attacks.

You can prevent creating a problem by not making food available to wild animals.

If you are approached by a coyote when you are out walking, act big by waving your arms, be loud or throw rocks if that's what is necessary to make it go away. Even if you are scared, do not show fear. Walk, don't run, to the nearest home if you feel threatened.

Wolves are less likely to be seen in Whitehorse residential areas, but they can still become a problem in country residential areas and the areas on the edge of communities.

Pets that roam in the bush during walks and hikes can become victims of wolves defending their territory or food sources. A wolf or pack that gets used to feeding on dogs might venture into residential areas and even yards to prey on a dog.

When out walking, your dog and you will be more secure if it's on a leash. The Wildlife Act prohibits allowing your dog to chase wildlife in the bush. Keeping your pet safe helps keep your family and your neighbours safe too.

**We can all do our part to help keep the wild in wildlife.**



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