

How To Protect Wildlife From Your Pets And Your Pets From Wildlife



Like wild animals that have learned to eat human food, coyotes and wolves that develop a taste for domestic animals are dangerous. There have been several reported cases over the years of coyotes and wolves killing dogs and cats in the Yukon.

Wolves can be more dangerous than other similar predators. Wolves will defend their territory, and can kill your pet if it roams free in the bush. If a wolf or pack gets used to feeding on dogs, they will become bold in seeking out this easy meal source.

Even responsible pet owners can lose their best friend if a wolf sneaks into their yard to kill a dog on its chain.

Interactions between your pets and wild animals not only have potential negative consequences for your pets. These interactions could also harm or threaten wildlife populations.

There have been no reported cases of rabies in the Yukon, but rabies has been reported in BC, the NWT and Alaska. The risk is low, but this disease could be transmitted from domestic to wild animals and vice versa.

Canine distemper, Parvo and hepatitis are all diseases carried by domestic animals in the Yukon that could be transmitted to the wild with potentially disastrous results. Vaccinate your pets

against these diseases, and prevent any interaction between your pets and wild animals.

Coyotes and wolves also carry a type of tapeworm parasite that can be picked up by your pets and passed along to you. Never touch the feces of wild animals and keep your pets away from it.

Protect your dog when walking on wilderness trails by keeping it on a leash. You and your dog will feel more secure. At home, keep your pets indoors or tied in a well-lit and fenced yard. Keep pet food indoors or securely stored if it must be outside.

If you see coyotes or wolves acting aggressively or wolves in your area let us know.

Call Environment Yukon or our tip line: 1-800-661-0525

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



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