

# Memo

To: Administrative Assistant II LaBrecque  
From: William G. Keegan, Jr., Town Administrator  
CC: Assistant Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Canine Control Officer,  
Environmental Coordinator  
Date: March 20, 2012  
Re: Resident Resources Concerning Coyotes in Dedham

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In recent weeks there have been some sightings of coyotes in Dedham. The Town has been monitoring the animals' sightings and is providing the following web site link for information pertaining to coyote habitats. Generally speaking, coyotes do not like to be around humans but they have been known to prey upon small household animals from time to time. The coyote mating season occurs between February and April so you may see them more often during this time of year. If you do see them in your yard, they can be easily spooked by simply turning on lights or by causing some noise.

If any resident of Dedham sees a coyote and you think it could cause a problem in your neighborhood you can call Canine Control at 781-751-9106 or, you can contact Dedham Public Safety Dispatch at 781-751-9300. If it is an emergency situation requiring an immediate response- please dial 911.

The Massachusetts Environmental Police has jurisdiction over wild animals and serve as a great resource for further information concerning coyotes and their habitats. However, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife offer a great number of resources for information concerning coyotes. This information can be viewed at:

[http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/wildlife\\_home.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/wildlife_home.htm)