

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 6, 2012
Re: Resident Resources Concerning Coyotes in Dedham

There have been some sightings of Coyotes in Dedham in recent weeks. The Town has been monitoring the animals 'sightings and is providing the following web site links for information pertaining to Coyote habitats. Generally speaking Coyote's 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. They can be easily spooked by simply turning on lights or by causing some noise.

If any resident of Dedham sees a Coyote and they 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 and immediate response- please dial 911.

The Massachusetts Environmental Police has jurisdiction over wild animals and are a great resource for further information concerning Coyotes and their habitats. However the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife offers a great number of resources for information concerning Coyotes. They can be viewed at:

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/wildlife_home.htm