

**Important Message from Animal Control Officer, Mark Harper**

**COYOTES**

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- 1- If confronted by a coyote try and make yourself appear larger than you are. Wave your arms overhead and make loud noises. It is a good idea to carry and use an air horn.
- 2- If you own a small/medium dog, you need to be aware that coyotes live all throughout Weston. You should always walk your dog on a leash or go outside with your dog. At night, turn your outside lights on. Having a fenced in yard is helpful, but make sure coyotes can't jump over or dig under the fence.
- 3- It is advised that you change the time of day/night that you usually let your pets out. Coyotes are very smart and have in the past, sat and waited for their prey.
- 4- Air horns should be kept with people that care for your dog at all times. These are very effective in scaring away coyotes.
- 5- Please report any coyote sightings or complaints to our Animal Control Department at 203-222-2642. Please report the date, time of day and the color of the coyote.