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Troy Coyote Issues

The Troy Police Department recommends that citizens experiencing problems with coyotes contact a licensed nuisance company. The typical cost associated with this service ranges from \$300 to \$750. The following companies are licensed and handle coyote nuisance issues in the area:

Critters Be Gone: Mark Evans, 248-722-2058

Foreman's Wildlife Removal: Benjamin Foreman, 248-894-1944

Animal Control Specialist: Trent Masterson, 248-431-8712

ACT Live Trapping: Jeff Stonerock, 248-475-4550

Landowners wishing to remove coyotes from their property may obtain services from the listed companies or any other licensed nuisance animal control company. A list of additional licensed nuisance control companies can be found at www.michigan.gov/wildlife.

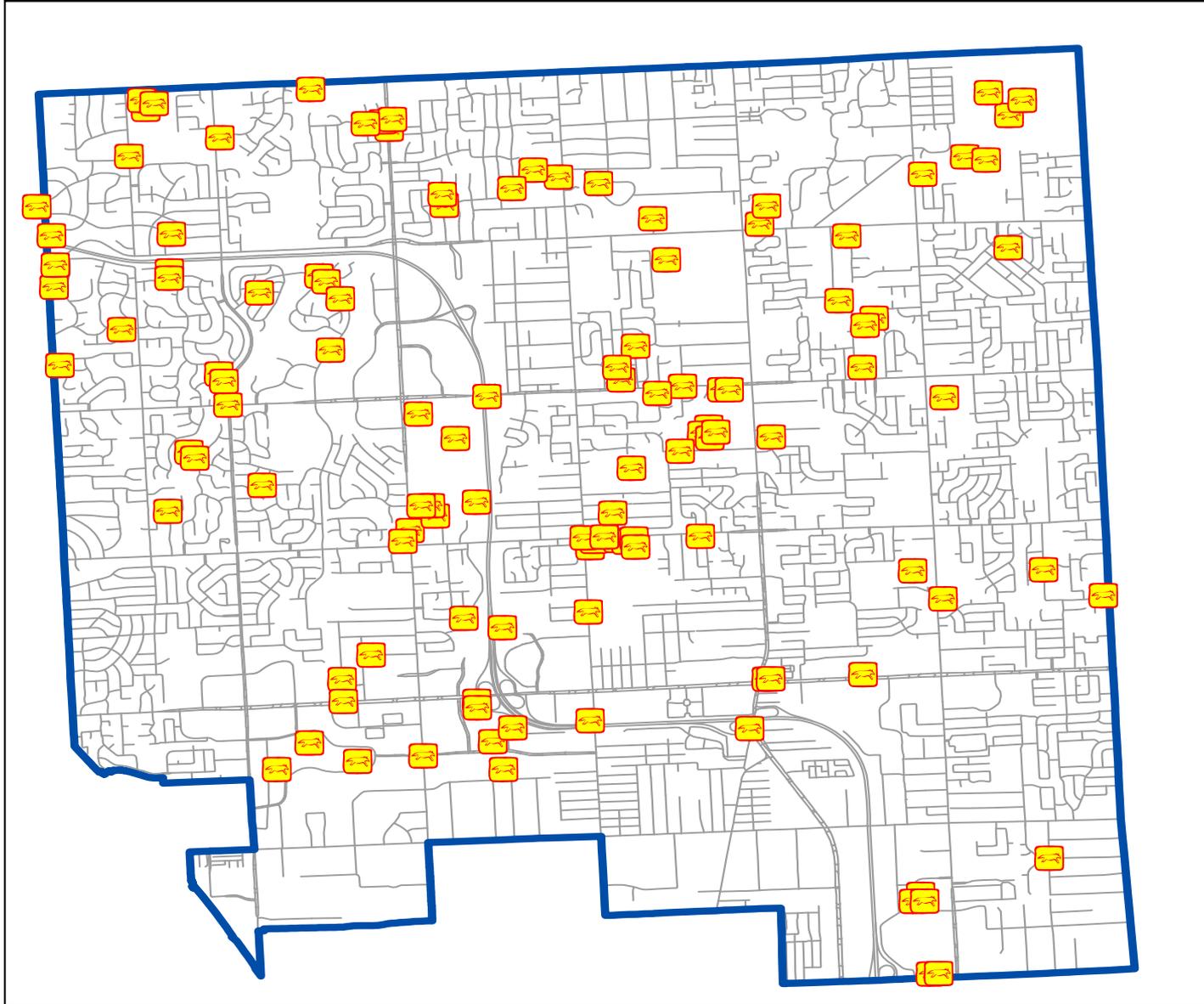
If a coyote presents an immediate danger, the resident should contact the Troy Police Department by calling 911.

Coyotes



Coyote Sightings – Troy, Michigan

January 1, 2014 – December 15, 2015



Biology



- 20-45 pounds
- Look larger due to thick, heavy coat
- Generally shy, but may become habituated to human presence

Habitat



- Prairies, brushy areas and wooded edges are common habitat for a coyote.

- Dens

- Variety of locations
 - Brush-covered slopes
 - Steep banks
 - Hollow logs



- Home Range

- In the wild up to twenty square miles.
- In the City two to five square miles.

Predatory Behavior

- Coyotes prey on small mammals and birds.
- Most of the time they hunt for food alone.
- Eastern coyotes generally do not travel in packs; may be found in family groups with parents and young.



Activity



- Coyotes are most active at dawn and dusk.
- Coyotes can be active during day – this is not an indicator of a sick or dangerous animal!
- During the month of March & April Coyotes are active during the day hours so they can raise the offspring.

Population Structure

- Reproduction
 - Breeding Season Jan-March
 - Average litter size – 6
 - Raising offspring
 - Born helpless, blind
 - About ½ lb
 - Weaned 5-7 weeks
- Mortality
 - Maximum age 13-14 in wild
 - Average 1-4 years

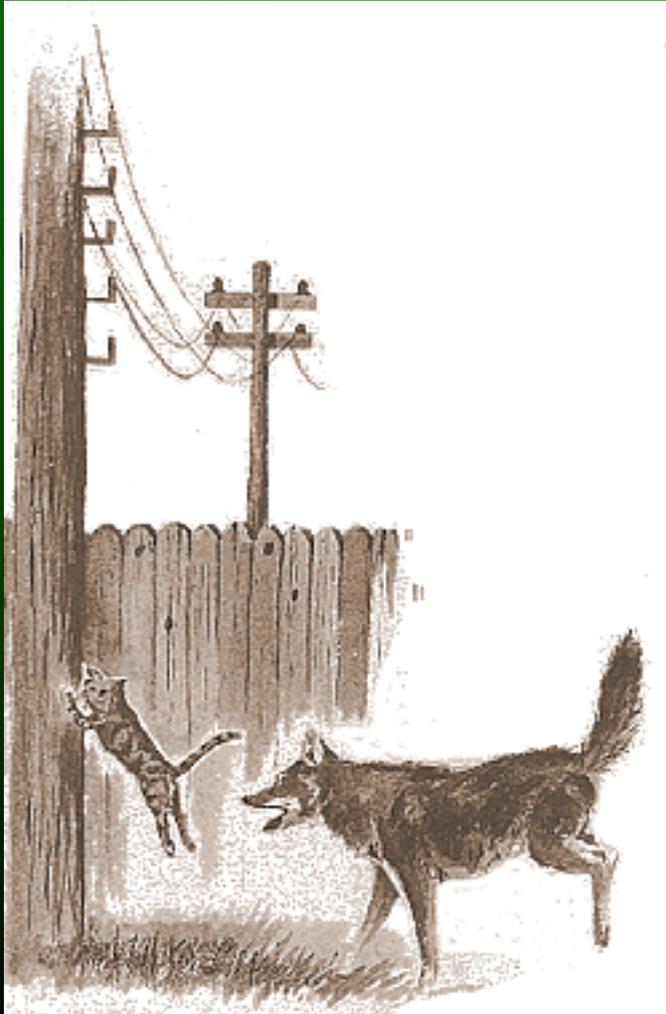


Management of Coyotes

- Coyotes can be live-trapped in the city of Troy by properly licensed animal nuisance control companies.
- They also have to have an Animal nuisance business license (DBA) from Oakland County.
- A property owner can't trap unless they are properly licensed.
- List of licensed nuisance control companies can be found at www.Michigan.gov/wildlife
- A list of Troy specific nuisance control companies will be posted on the City of Troy website tomorrow.



Attacks on pets



- More likely small pets that are allowed to roam free without supervision.
- Prevention key
 - Keep pets inside at night
 - Don't feed pets outside and remove extra food.
- Occurs less than commonly thought.

Preventing conflicts

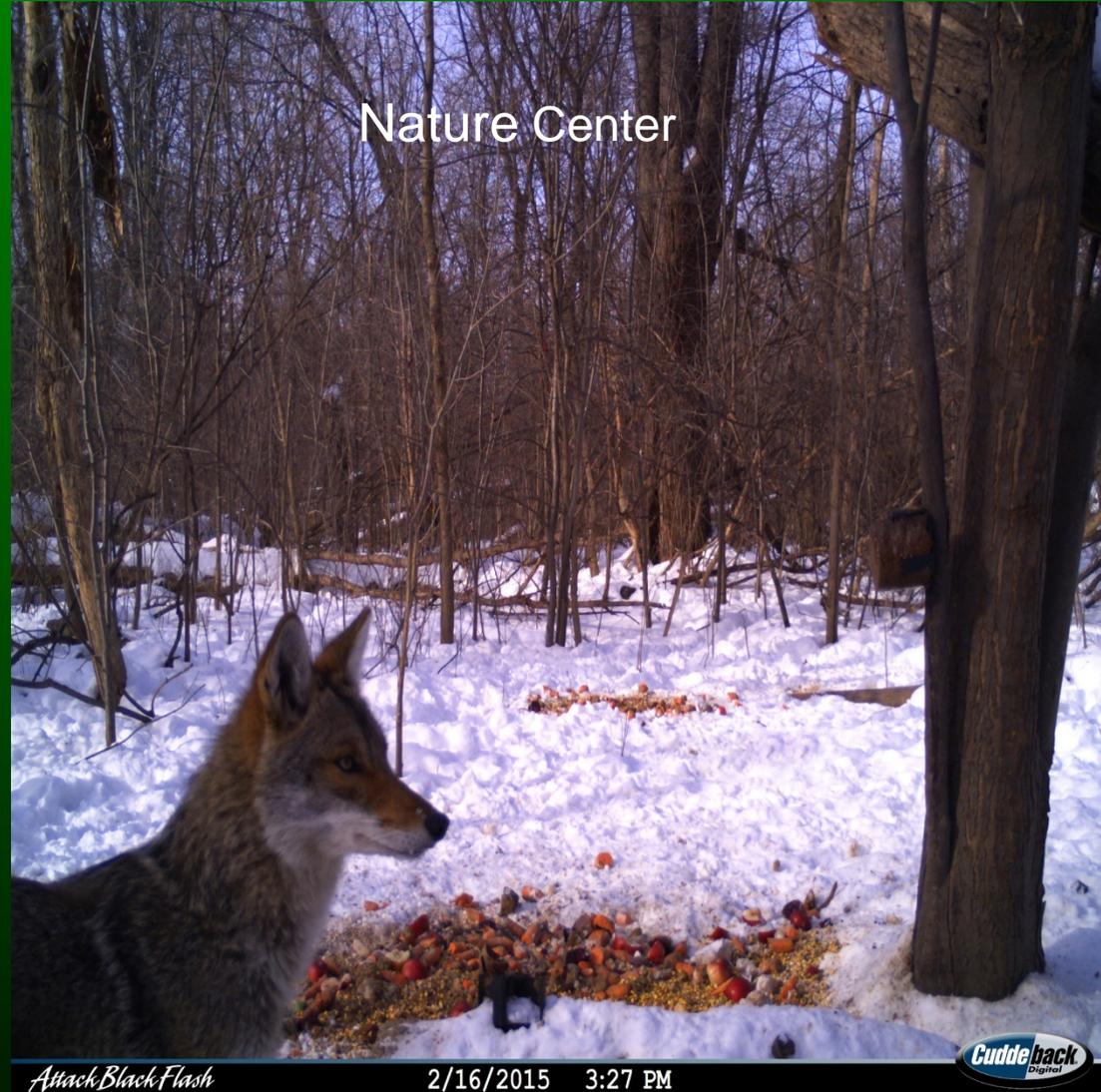
- Never feed, approach or touch a coyote
- Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet foods, bird seed, and garbage.
- Clear out wood and brush piles; they are good habitat for rats and mice which are a food source for coyotes
- “Haze” coyotes – make yourself look big – be noisy!
- Coyotes do not like the odor of ammonia or perfume. They do not like lights or sounds.



Folkstone St.



Actual Picture of Coyotes from Troy



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Big Beaver Road/I-75

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Actual Picture of Coyotes from Troy



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Actual Video of Coyotes from Troy



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Troy Farm
South Blvd./Beach Rd.



Actual Video of Coyotes from Troy



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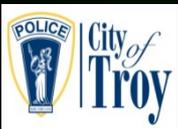
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Livernois/Wattles



Summary

- If the landowner feels that a coyote should be removed from their property, they may obtain services from a licensed nuisance animal control company.
- List of licensed nuisance control companies can be found at www.Michigan.gov/wildlife
- A list of Troy specific nuisance control companies will be posted on the City of Troy website tomorrow.
- If there is immediate danger, call the Troy Police Department.



Questions?



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