LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: What Municipalities Need to Know

Who's Responsible for What?

The Ministry of Natural Resources helps landowners and municipalities deal with human-wildlife conflict by making referrals to appropriate agencies and providing information on managing problem animals and hiring a wildlife control agent.

The Ministry of Natural Resources also provides municipalities with information necessary to obtain authorizations to kill problem coyotes. The authorization has conditions on targeting specific problem coyotes such as those that are killing livestock. These authorizations are for relatively short periods and are confined to specific geographic areas where problem coyotes have been identified.

Ministry of Natural Resources authorization can also be issued under specific circumstances for other species, including white-tailed deer or elk, that are causing damage.

For more information and fact sheets on what you can do visit

ontario.ca/livingwithwildlife

Scan here for more information on Living with Wildlife



Prevention First

There are several ways landowners, including municipalities, can discourage coyotes from entering their property. These include keeping the areas near buildings free from clutter, cutting down grass and weeds and repairing any openings under buildings where coyotes may den or bed down.

Help Available for Landowners who Have Lost Livestock

Under the Ontario Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act (LPHBPA), livestock and poultry producers are entitled to make claims to their local municipality for livestock losses attributable to attacks by wolves, coyotes or dogs.

For more information on livestock predation visit ontario.ca/predation

Lethal Action as a Last Resort

A landowner may humanely kill or trap coyotes that are damaging or about to damage their property. Firearm regulations and bylaws must be followed.

Landowners in central and northern Ontario — roughly north of the Severn River, Bancroft and Pembroke — must report coyotes killed in protection of property to their local Ministry of Natural Resources office.

