

# **LION SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN 19-02**

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Campus Safety has been made aware of a possible coyote sighting on campus. The animal was observed near the guardhouse at the front entrance of campus and was seen chasing deer in the area of Lot G. If you spot an animal that resembles a coyote, please stay away from it and contact the Office of Campus Safety at extension 2611 or 732-987-2611. Our office is also in touch with local animal control officials. Meanwhile, please observe these precautions and guidelines, which provided by the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife:

## **Coyote Precautions**

**The following guidelines can help reduce the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes:**

- Never feed a coyote. Deliberately feeding coyotes puts pets and other residents in the neighborhood at risk.
- Feeding pet cats and/or feral (wild) cats outdoors can attract coyotes. The coyotes feed on the pet food and also prey upon the cats.
- Put garbage in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over.
- Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.
- Bring pets in at night.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, and other farm animals.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Although extremely rare, coyotes have been known to attack humans. Parents should monitor their children, even in familiar surroundings, such as backyards.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Clear brush and dense weeds from around dwellings - this reduces protective cover for coyotes and makes the area less attractive to rodents and rabbits. Coyotes, as well as other predators, are attracted to areas where rodents are concentrated like woodpiles.
- If coyotes are present, make sure they know they're not welcome. Make loud noises, blast a canned air siren, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose.

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