**BULLETIN**



**Living “WildWise” With Yukon Canids (Foxes, Coyotes and Wolves)**

There are wolf packs at large in the area! If there is nothing for a wolf pack to eat in the area they will move on. Please protect your pets and yourselves by following the tips provided below.

**Manage Your Attractants**

Managing attractants and promoting pet and public safety.

* Store bird feeders indoors at night and clean up spilled birdseed to avoid attracting rodents, small mammals, and other canid prey.
* Ensure there are no attractants in your yard: store garbage, pet food, or meat and meat scraps in a locked wildlife resistant container.
* Manage compost carefully - no meat, fat, bones, or seafood shells. Ensure the compost bin is securely built and has a lockable lid.

**Keep Your Pets Safe**

Cats and dogs that run free are easy prey and may encourage foxes, coyotes and wolves to range closer to your property.

* If you own a cat: the only way to ensure its safety is to keep it indoors or provide it with an outdoor-enclosed cat run.
* Small dogs should be kept and fed inside, supervised while outside and only let out unattended into a yard with a well-built dog run or enclosed fenced yard.
* Walk your dog on a leash, even if well trained.
* Trim trees and shrubs to reduce hiding places for canids and their prey.

**Keep Yourself Safe**

Reduce habituation to the presence of people.

* Always make noise while skiing, walking or running on trails.
* Install motion-sensitive lighting around your yard or motion sensor alarms.
* Never feed coyotes, foxes or wolves; this puts you and your neighbours at risk.

**Attacks on humans are very rare! To scare canids away use rocks, sticks, pots and pans, and even a tin filled with rocks. Make yourself look big, wave your arms, shout and yell in an aggressive voice.**

**\***If you notice predatory behavior with wild canids report it to Conservation Officer Service TIPP LINE @ 1-800-661-0525.

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