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The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and coyote problems
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IDNR's role. The IDNR's role in coyote management and the resolution of problems with coyotes is primarily regulatory and educational. Under the Wildlife Code, 520ILCS5.1.3 (Illinois Conservation Law) the IDNR regulates the taking of coyotes for public recreation and for controlling wildlife populations. IDNR tests and licenses individuals who will resolve problems with coyotes and other native wildlife via removal or wildlife exclusion techniques for a fee. The IDNR issues permits to property owners and municipalities so they can resolve problems with coyotes and other wildlife.

Public awareness and removal permits. Coyotes occur throughout all of Illinois. If someone is concerned about a coyote, they should contact their municipality's law enforcement department or local animal control agency. Problems with coyotes that are perceived as property damage or safety issues for humans or domestic animals should be resolved by the property owner or local municipality. A local IDNR District Wildlife Biologist (listed below by county) can provide information about coyotes; provide a list of individuals holding current commercial nuisance wildlife control permits issued by the IDNR; or issue a 90-day nuisance animal removal permit to the property owner or municipality. However, IDNR staff does not remove coyotes for property owners or municipalities.

Some general recommendations for the general public. The following recommendations may be helpful in preventing or resolving problems with coyotes.

- 1) Alert the residents of the neighborhood and the local municipality (e.g., police, public safety officer) as soon as a problem develops with a coyote.
- 2) Target the responsible coyote(s) when a pattern of "undesirable" behavior develops. Usually it will be easier to change human and domestic animal use of an area than to capture a coyote.
- 3) Do not feed coyotes.
- 4) Property owners should limit the availability of unintentional food sources such as bird food, pet food, ripe fruit, and trash.
- 5) Comply with local ordinances that require oversight/restraint of pets. Do not leave small pets unattended when they are outside. Consider the use of fencing or kennel runs to protect small pets.
- 6) Recognize that coyotes are a permanent fixture in Illinois' rural, suburban and urban areas. Seeing a coyote(s) cross a field, backyard, golf course, road, etc. does not necessarily constitute a problem or a dangerous situation for humans or domestic animals.
- 7) Recognize that coyote population reduction (removing some or all of the coyotes in an area) is usually unrealistic and always temporary. Removal of coyotes done properly also requires time, effort and funding.
- 8) If removal of a coyote is deemed necessary, hire a person with coyote removal experience and licensed by the IDNR. Coyote removals approved by the IDNR usually involve the use of cage (live) traps or padded foot-hold traps.

District Wildlife Biologists In northeastern Illinois. The IDNR District Biologists listed below can provide information about coyotes; provide a list of individuals holding current commercial nuisance wildlife control licenses; or issue a 90-day nuisance animal removal permit to the property owner or municipality.

Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties - Scott Garrow, 847-294-4129
Kane and McHenry Counties - Ray Eisbrener, 815-675-2386 extension 316
Kendall and Will Counties - Joe Rogus, 815-476-2523
Grundy and Kankakee Counties - Bob Massey, 815-476-7622

Questions regarding this information sheet. Questions regarding this information sheet should be directed to Daniel R. Ludwig, Regional Wildlife Biologist, Region 2, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, 2050 W. Stearns Road, Bartlett, IL 60103, 847-608-3100 extension 2047, dludwig@dnrmail.state.il.us.

**2006/07 Commercial Wildlife Removal Permits (Class A) specializing in removal of
beaver or coyote (based on reports filed for 2005)*****

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Beaver:

Terry Bates - 815-654-7935, Terry bates Nuisance Removal, Machesney
Jeffrey Bodford - 847-980-6262, A Windy City Wildlife Service, Inc., Bloomingdale
Steve Callahan - 847-334-7010, Callahan's Wildlife Control, South Elgin
Nick Ceissel - 847-949-5855, County Wildlife Control, Inc., Mundelein
Rob Erickson - 815-286-3073, On Target ADC, DeKalb
Jim Jarard
John Hagan - 847-827-7800, Animal Control Specialists, Inc., Northbrook
Scott Harrell - 847-741-5807, Kritter Getters, South Elgin
Brent Hughes - 630-850-7126, A & B Wildlife, Plainfield
Joseph Kamarauskas - 815-836-8380, Nuisance Wildlife Control, Inc., Lockport
Keith Kingsley - 815-648-4353, Harvard
Ron Klann - 630-915-7586, Smithereen, Northlake
Mike Krauleidis - 847-526-8685, Wauconda
George Lang - 847-458-5874, Smithereen Pest Management Services, Lake In the Hills
Kevin Lockwood - 815-405-1500, Capron
Brad Lundsteen - 630-443-4500, Suburban Wildlife Control, Elgin
Mike Marchewka - 815-479-8509, Crystal Lake
Bill Paulsen - 847-356-4173, Lindenhurst
Mark Romano - 630-293-1198, R-Mark, West Chicago
James Russell - 815-942-4077, Nuisance Wildlife Control, Morris
Steve Stronk - 708-672-9362, Steve's Wildlife Removal, Crete

Coyote:

Dan Dolan - 815-378-3651, Animal Damage control, Inc., Kankakee
Rob Erickson - 815-286-3073, On Target ADC, DeKalb
Kraig Kaatz - 708-687-1178, Oak Forest
Bob Krach - 847-658-7874, Bob's Animal Removal, Lake in the Hills
Brad Lundsteen - 630-443-4500, Suburban Wildlife Control, Elgin
Mike Marchewka - 815-479-8509, Crystal Lake
Glenn Meade - 847-991-9909, Critter Control of Illinois, Palatine
Bill Paulsen - 847-356-4173, Lindenhurst
Irv Schrimmer - 815-923-2229, Marengo
Steve Stronk - 708-672-9362, Steve's Wildlife Removal, Crete
Gary Zirves - 815-337-2719, Illinois Wildlife Control, Woodstock

*** NOTE: Other Class A permit holders may remove beavers or coyotes. The Class A permit holders were included on the above list because of their experience with beaver and/or coyotes.

Wildlife removal (Class A) beaver & coyote.wpd