

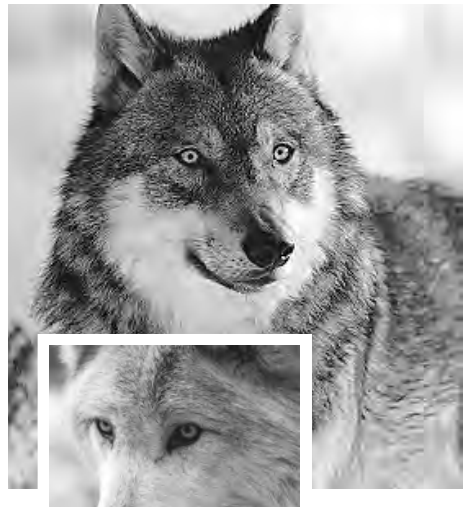
When Acts Of Kindness Can Be Bad For Wildlife

Foxes and coyotes thrive in the Yukon environment, and some have adapted to living in urban areas. It is fairly common to see these wild animals roaming around residential neighbourhoods in Yukon communities, especially in winter.

Well-meaning people who make food available to foxes and coyotes in the form of handouts, carelessly stored pet food or unsecured garbage and compost, can cause the wild animal to become bold and aggressive. This can create a dangerous situation for people and pets.

Providing a meal to a fox or coyote may seem like a good thing to do, but it is illegal, and starts a slippery slope that usually ends badly for the animal.

In some cases, wild animals that frequent residential areas can be live-trapped and relocated. But if it has become a nuisance to the extent that it kills domestic animals or threatens people, it must be destroyed.



Avoid creating problems for your family, pets and neighbours by not feeding foxes and coyotes. These creatures can survive on natural food sources found in and around the city without your intentional or unintentional culinary contributions.

Because of our wilderness setting, Yukoners have many opportunities for wildlife viewing. Enjoy the opportunities to watch these fascinating creatures, but please don't interfere with their wild nature.

We can all do our part to help keep the wild in wildlife.

