## Be aware of Wolves in the Sioux Lookout Area

Residents and businesses to be aware of wolves in the area.

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The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry would like remind area residents to be aware of wolves in the Sioux Lookout area and take the necessary steps to avoid attracting wolves into local neighbourhoods or interactions with your pets.

It's important to note that the same wolf can result in multiple sightings. The Ontario government is reminding the public that wolves are attracted to garbage products containing meat, milk, and eggs. Removing these attractants can help keep wolves out of the area.

To help prevent attracting wolves to your property:

- Do not feed wildlife such as deer (by removing deer food and salt blocks).
- Keep pet food indoors.
- Remove bush and forest cover that can help conceal predators like wolves from all active pastures.
- Ensure you have a well-lit yard or use motion-sensitive lighting.

Cats and small dogs may be seen as prey by wolves, while larger dogs may be seen as competitors. To avoid these situations, consider the following suggestions:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Do not allow pets to roam. Wolves may try to kill a dog or a cat when given the opportunity.
- Walk your dog on a leash at all times.
- Do not leave pets unattended outside unless they are in a kennel with a secure top. Wolves can jump into fenced yards, and dogs confined by chains are vulnerable to attack.
- Spay or neuter your dogs. Wolves are attracted to, and can mate with, domestic dogs that have not been spayed or neutered.

## **QUICK FACTS**

• If a wolf poses an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911.

## **LEARN MORE**

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/preventing-and-managing-conflicts-coyotes
- https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-best-practices-guide-coyote-human-interactions-en-2022-10-07.pdf

To learn more about wolves, including how to deal with wolf problems, call the ministry's district
office that serves your area: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-andforestry-regional-and-district-offices">https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-andforestry-regional-and-district-offices</a>

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