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### Public Safety Notice

## Coyote Awareness and Information

Like other suburbs, Deephaven and Woodland have experienced coyote sightings and related activity over the past few years. With the wooded surroundings of the area and the many City parks in Deephaven, opportunistic coyotes have found locations to thrive. Subsequently, it is conceivable coyotes can be found throughout Deephaven and Woodland.

Coyotes are scavengers and opportunistic hunters that will range wherever necessary to find food. They will eat many types of animals that may include domestic pets of various sizes. Therefore, dog and cat owners should be aware that a coyote may prey on a family pet.

Although coyotes are a threat to domestic pets, they are not a threat to humans. In fact, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, there has never been a documented coyote attack on a human in Minnesota. Given these facts, the Deephaven Police Department is encouraging citizens to take these simple precautions to ensure the safety of their pets.

- Do not leave pet food or garbage outside.
- Do not intentionally feed coyotes.
- Do not leave dogs or cats outside unattended for long periods of time.
- Pets should be leashed and attended when walking in any recreational area.
- If confronted by a coyote, persons should shout or make some other loud noise to frighten the animal away.

Per City ordinance, no citizen can discharge a firearm or trap these animals. Instead, persons who experience a coyote sighting in Deephaven or Woodland should note the date, time and location and report the information to the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555.

Everyone should be aware of the potential harm coyotes could inflict on pets and take the above precautions. At this time, the Deephaven Police Department is addressing these coyote problems by providing awareness and public education. If you have further questions please contact the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555.