The City of Springdale has received recent reports of coyote sightings. If you observe a coyote in Springdale, please report the incident to the Health Department at 513-346-5725 or at health@springdale.org. If the coyote exhibits aggressive behavior or if you are reporting the incident after 5:00 p.m., please contact the Springdale Police Department at 513-346-5760.

Coyotes are common in rural and urban settings of Southwest Ohio. They can adapt and exploit most habitats, including forests, clearcuts, and woodlots. Coyotes are slender and similar in appearance to a medium-sized dog. Coyotes are gray, though some show a rusty, brown or off-white coloration. Their tails are bushy and tipped with black. If you determine the animal is a stray dog, contact the SPCA at 513-489-7387. http://spcacincinnati.org/

If you observe a coyote near your home, remove all attractions including garbage and pet food before nightfall. Please keep small dogs and cats inside at night when coyotes are most active (dawn and dusk). Coyotes are fearful of humans; clapping your hands and shouting will usually deter them. Coyotes eat small mammals (rabbits and mice), insects, fruits and berries, and items meant for pets and humans.

If the coyote seems to lack a fear of humans, contact a nuisance trapper. You can locate a trapper by calling the Division of Wildlife (800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)) www.wildohio.com