

# Coyotes concern alderman

Forest manager: Animals not a threat

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A coyote startled Randee Haven-O'Donnell about two weeks ago when it bounded across the trail in front of her, pursuing a squirrel in the Carolina North Forest.

"I had heard that coyotes were migrating east over the last 10 to 12 years, but I just didn't expect to see it," said the Carboro resident and member of the Board of Aldermen.

The incident sparked Haven-O'Donnell's concern about public awareness of coyotes, the possibility that the animals could transmit rabies and the safety of children walking through the woods.

She recently sent an e-mail to local leaders presenting these concerns.

Gregory Kopsch, forest manager for Carolina North, said coyotes, which live in all 100 counties of North Carolina, don't pose a significant threat.

"The risk is very minimal; coyotes are very reclusive and tend to keep to themselves," he said. "The

area they occupy now is filled with their preferred food sources, so the risk of human attack is very low."

As opportunistic omnivores, coyotes will eat anything from insects, nuts and berries to small rodents and deer, Kopsch said.

Coyotes tend to live in areas similar to the Carolina North forest — on the edge of woods, in open meadows and in uncultivated fields. And only about a dozen or fewer coyotes live in the forest where Haven-O'Donnell was running.

Kopsch said there is little concern that coyotes transmit rabies.

In 2007, 245 raccoons and 98 skunks tested positive for the disease, according to the 2007 N.C. Rabies Report.

But only three of the 474 reported rabies cases — a typical number of annual rabies cases — were coyotes.

"They are not prime transmitters of rabies," Kopsch said. "They are more susceptible to canine distemper and parvo disease, which they could spread to our animal

companions."

He said residents should keep their dogs and cats indoors overnight and secure their trash.

Bobby Schopler, vice president of the Board of Directors for the Piedmont Wildlife Center in Durham, said coyotes are not threatening animals.

He said deer are most threatening to humans as they often cause fatal car accidents.

"I'd be happy to go walking in woods that had coyotes in them," Schopler said. "Coyotes have been present in Orange County for at least 10 years. They are a part of our environment."

Haven-O'Donnell said her goal is for the public to be aware of coyotes' presence, and she recommended that local governments and UNC collaborate to educate people about the animals' behaviors.

Kopsch said he would support a public awareness program but stressed that coyotes are not a threat in this area.

Contact the City Editor at [citydesk@unc.edu](mailto:citydesk@unc.edu).

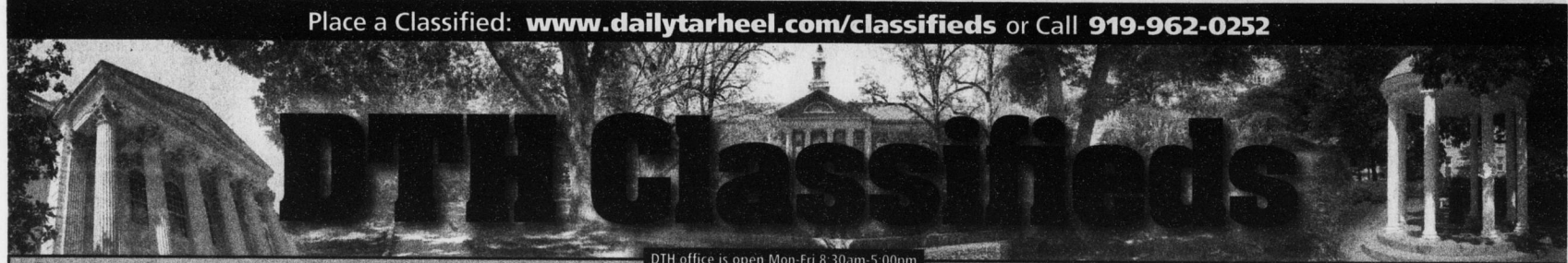
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**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is an 8 - Listen, with compassion, to another person's worries. You don't have to try to solve all of their problems. Just tell them to be patient and frugal and everything will turn out well.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 6 - Put in the extra effort now, and get a little bit ahead. You'll know sleep better when you have a big, cushy safety net. The more comfortable the better.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is a 7 - You don't have a moment to waste, unfortunately. You'd like to relax and have a long chat with a fascinating person. Spend all day sipping tea and eating cinnamon cookies.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Sometimes a conversation can be a lot of work. It's worth it, though, to get the matter settled. You'll know that's happened when the two of you get back to the job at hand.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Conditions are good for asking questions and getting the absolute truth. You might want to think about that before you get too nosy. Pick a good time and place.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is an 8 - Business looks good, so keep cranking out those widgets and raking in the cash. You'll soon be able to get whatever it is you've been dreaming about...or at least the down payment.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Verbally, you're sharp as a tack. Does that make any sense at all? Anyway, you can talk people into doing just about anything. Give it a try.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 7 - Don't fret about your situation, take action. You'll feel much better. There's always something you can do. Look around. You're sure to find others who agree with you. Get organized.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is an 8 - Your friends could get caught up in talking about the problem and waste a lot of time. Don't fall into that trap with them. Stay on task, and keep them out of your business.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 7 - Again, you'll need to gently push the person who's in charge into doing what you know is right. His or her confidence is your opportunity to make yourself useful. Indispensable, actually.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 - Continue to push back the barriers. Get out and meet new people. You didn't even realize you were in a rut, but you were. Now you're not. Some of the people who are new to you, by the way, are old to themselves.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
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