



Ministry of Green Transition
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Wolves near residential areas

How to avoid attracting wolves



It is not dangerous to live in areas where wolves are present

Wolves can occasionally wander into residential and holiday cottage areas. This applies especially to young wolves, which are more curious and unfamiliar with the terrain. It is neither dangerous nor unnatural for wolves to approach human dwellings, but it is important not to actively attract them. Please follow this advice:

Avoid feeding deer

Avoid feeding deer in residential areas. This can attract wolves, as deer are natural prey for wolves.

Do not leave food waste outside

Avoid leaving meat waste near dwellings, as this can attract wolves. Cubs in particular are very curious and can easily learn to associate people and houses with food.

Protect livestock and pets at night

Keep your pets indoors at night and ensure that livestock such as sheep and goats are protected behind wolf-proof fencing.

Do not let your dog roam freely

Wolves may be interested in dogs, which they regard as members of their own species. Be cautious about letting your dog roam freely on your property if you live in an area with wolves, especially at night. It is prohibited to let dogs roam freely on land you do not own.

If you encounter a wolf and feel uncomfortable

Keep walking, even if the wolf follows you. If the wolf comes closer, turn around and shout loudly, clap your hands, wave your arms, or throw stones and similar objects at the wolf. This signals that you are a human, which is frightening to the wolf.

If you suspect that a wolf has lost its shyness or that the wolf has developed bold behavior, please send an email to ulv@sgav.dk. Remember to include the time and location.

If you encounter a wolf and feel threatened, always call the **police on 112**.

Help with monitoring

If you see a wolf, you can help the authorities and your local community by reporting your sighting to the national wolf monitoring program at www.ulveatlas.dk. Please take a photo or video as documentation if possible.

Phone numbers for the Danish Nature Agency's local units:

<https://naturstyrelsen.dk/kontakt-os-lokalt>