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# PAWZ AND READ

## **Dog Facts – The Irish Setter**

The Irish Setter is a high-spirited gundog known for grace, swiftness, and a flashy red coat. They are famously good family dogs: sweet-tempered companions for the folks, and rollicking playmates and tennis-ball fetchers for the children. The Irish Setter has been described by its partisans as the most beautiful of dog breeds. Standing more than two feet at the shoulder, with a substantial yet elegant build, the Irish is famed for a brilliant coat of mahogany or chestnut. Long, sinewy legs and powerful rear drive help to place the Irish among the swiftest of all sporting dogs. The Irish Setter's lovable personality has endeared the breed to sportsmen and pet owners for more than 200 years. Irish are outgoing dogs who enjoy making friends. These rambunctious redheads are big kids at heart, but they are eager to please and will respond to patient, positive training. They are said to be bold and rugged hunting partners, with a devil-may-care approach to their work.



# How You Can Protect Your Dog From Coyotes

With their habitats and food sources shrinking, coyotes are venturing closer to our neighborhoods and homes than we'd like. Not only do they prey on livestock such as chickens and lambs, but our cats and dogs can make an easy meal for these canine natives as well. Here are some ways you can protect your dog from coyote attacks, both at home and while you're out enjoying nature.

## Coyote Vests

- After losing their own small dog to a coyote, one family vowed to help reduce the chance of a similar tragedy happening to someone else. Coyote vests are made for small dogs and have a Kevlar neck collar armed with 1-inch spikes and spikes down the back, making it hard for coyotes to get a bite. If you have a small dog, these vests may provide good protection in coyote country.

## Don't Leave Your Dog Outside Unsupervised

- If you're not around to keep an eye on your dog, it's best to leave him indoors where a coyote can't get him, especially if you don't have good fencing.

## Light up Your Yard at Night

- Another backyard tip is to install motion-sensor lights that are pointed outside your fence line. That way, if a coyote does come around, the light will turn on before he gets into your yard. The light will make most coyotes turn back.

## Pick up Poop

- Your dog's feces can attract coyotes to your property, so keeping your yard or fields clear of poop can help lower the risk of attracting one. They will also eat fallen fruit, so picking up any windfalls is a good idea. Don't leave trash outside in bags and make sure all garbage can lids are secure and cannot be tipped over.

## Coyote Protection on Walks

- The coyote vest mentioned above is great for your dog to wear on a walk if you're in an area where you might encounter one. Keeping your dog on leash is also safer, since most coyotes are wary of people and won't attack your dog if he's close to you. Bringing something along that makes a loud noise — a whistle, bell, horn, etc. — is another good way to scare off a lingering coyote.

Remember that even if coyotes don't attack your dog, they carry and transmit many diseases and parasites, including rabies, distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis, mange, fleas, worms, and ticks. So, keeping them out of your neighborhood is something that should be on everyone's radar. If you have community meetings, you may want to bring up these tips or suggest creating a Facebook group where neighbors can post coyote sightings. Together, you can keep your dogs (and other pets) safe.

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