

# Fox

As Humans expand their living areas and Fox expand their range, contact between the two is inevitable. Most of the time, fox go out of their way to avoid humans. In urban areas the fox are changing their behavior because of human behavior.

The most serious problem is that the animals have become very used to people because they find food left on our properties. As they lose their fear of people they will approach people looking for more food, and may put themselves in hazardous situations that they would normally avoid.

Fox are not like a dog, it is unwise to approach or corner these animals. They are smart and they learn quickly. It can be dangerous to feed wildlife, and steps should be taken to avoid encouraging them to visit your neighborhood. That means close garbage cans lids tightly, **do not leave any food** outside.

Fox prey mostly on rodents and roadkill. If you notice fox in your neighborhood you probably have also noticed a reduction in rats, chipmunks and squirrels. Fox are beneficial as a form of rodent control. This is just nature achieving a balanced environment. For many years we received complaints about vermin, those complaints have decreased greatly.

Most towns in Bergen and Passaic Counties have a thriving population of fox. People should always be cautious when dealing with all wildlife, no matter how cute an animal is, you should not attempt to catch or touch them. This is very important if the animal is injured or sick. If you find an injured or sick animal always call your police and let them dispatch professionals to handle the situation.