



Animal News March 2017

Animal control has not seen an increase in coyote incident reports. The hazing efforts by the community seem to be proving effective. Please make sure pet food is not left outside and garbage receptacles are secured. The offer of a free meal may prove too tempting for a coyote and encourage them to venture into backyards. The coyote incident reporting form is available on the town website and we encourage town residents to report all coyote incidents. Somers Animal Control appreciates the joint effort of the community in keeping our residents and pets safe. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding wild or domestic animals, please call Officer Eric Boucher or Officer Tammy Thompson at 860-763-0623.

As a reminder if you see a coyote with a pup in tow do not attempt to haze that particular coyote.

Fishing Season

Opening day is April 8th. Fishing licenses are available for sale in the Town Hall or through the State of CT, DEEP website. Please fish responsibly, we need to keep our favorite fishing holes healthy for many years to come. Good luck Somers Anglers!

Pet Tip Of The Month

The Easter holiday is right around the corner and it is vital to be aware that candy and some table foods are dangerously toxic to your dog. It is important to remain vigilant in not sharing certain foods and to properly secure candy that can potentially be deadly to your pet. These include:

- ✓ **Garlic**
- ✓ **Grapes, Raisins**
- ✓ **Alcoholic Beverages**
- ✓ **Coffee, Tea (caffeine)**
- ✓ **Onions, Chives**
- ✓ **Chocolate** contains a chemical called theobromine as well as caffeine. Ingestion of chocolate can cause rapid heart rate, seizures, muscle tremors and death.
- ✓ **Candy** such as gum and mints contain an artificial sweetener Xylitol which can lead to low blood sugar, liver damage and death

A more extensive list is available online at the following address:

www.humanesociety.org

If you suspect your pet may have ingested a potentially toxic food, please contact your Veterinarian immediately. Also available is a 24/7 emergency Poison Control Hotline at the Kansas State Veterinary Teaching Hospital 1-785-532-5679