

Interviewer

Please tell me a story about an experience you've had with coyotes in Vermont.

Interviewee

Okay, so when we bought this house, this house where we're sitting right now on the porch or out in the yard, it's out in the country and it had been vacant for about six months. No one had been living here and it's 13 acres. We were here a few nights in and just heard all this howling outside, all these coyotes. They were calling to each other from one side of our fields to the other. We were just creeped out inside going, what did we do? Why did we move here? Our neighbors afterwards had said, it was probably because the house had been vacant that they kind of roamed in this area. Once we were actually established living here, they would stop. But we were really freaked out and that's exactly what happened. They went away after probably that first week.

Interviewer

Nice. Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?

Interviewee

It was meaningful because we were totally fish out of water. We had never lived so deep in the country before and here we were, like with coyotes in our field at night and we have this tiny dog, we were like, our dog's going to be eaten. This is going to be a big mistake. Yeah, it was meaningful because we were questioning if we had made a mistake moving here.

Interviewer

Can you rank your experience, experience of coyotes in Vermont on a scale from one to 10, one being negative and 10 positive?

Interviewee

My experience. It's almost nothing. I really didn't have big interaction, so I'd say it's like neutral, probably a five.

Interviewer

Okay. Now some background questions. Think back to the coyote story you shared. Can you tell me where it took place?

Interviewee

Williston, Vermont. Near Lake Iroquois.

Interviewer

What year was it?

Interviewee

2012.

Interviewer

What kinds of things do you do outside for work or recreation?

Interviewee

Outside. I do a lot of running. My family is into biking, but not me. Gardening. I like all kinds of yard work. Hiking. That's it. I don't really like being outside.

Interviewer

How long have you lived in Vermont?

Interviewee

Since 1997. 23 years. Is that good math? Yeah.

Interviewer

What town do you live in?

Interviewee

Williston.

Interviewer

What year were you born?

Interviewee

1974.

Interviewer

What's your gender?

Interviewee

Female.

Interviewer

What's your ethnicity?

Interviewee

Are we allowed to ask that anymore? I'm just kidding. Caucasian.

Interviewer

Okay, you're done. Thank you so much.

Interviewee

Thank you.