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## News Release

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### Attention Pet Owners – Willowdale, Willowridge, Davis Plantation

Again, it seems that family pets are disappearing from yards after dark. The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office has received reports and confirmed that at least two family cats have been killed by wild animals--probably coyotes. Another family cat is missing in the same area. Deputies in the marine division are locating areas in the Willowdale area to attempt to trap coyotes. The Sheriff's Office has been successful in trapping at least 10 coyotes on the east bank in the St. Rose area during the last several months. The common factor is that the cats that have been killed or disappeared have been allowed out until late in the evening. Coyotes have been confirmed in the area and are very smart and elusive. They are becoming more urbanized all the time and have learned to prowl neighborhoods after dark looking for small cats or dogs. Please use caution with your family pets after dark.