

Tony Meyer, of 361 Oakview Street, East Kildonan, holds his two-year-old female coyote, Bonny, while his three-year-old daughter Jeanine pets the animal. The coyote, which is kept at the Meyer residence, was the subject of a petition presented to East Kildonan council Monday night by residents who want the animal moved.

His Pet Coyote Creates A Howl

By FRED CLEVERLEY

"You'd complain too, if you had the thing howling back of your house all night," moaned Mrs. Joan Pacholek, who lives next door to East Kildonan's only privately-owned coyote.

"How come East Kildonan has a bylaw preventing anyone from keeping rabbits, but lets that animal live here for two years?"

The coyote's owner, Tony Meyer of 361 Oakview Street, went to East Kildonan's council meeting Monday night. He presented a petition with seven names asking council to let him keep the animal. Last week, a petition with 21 signatures asked council to order the coyote out.

HE CAN KEEP IT

Mr. Meyer can keep the coyote just as long as it doesn't bite anyone, or bother anyone. He has a letter from the city, telling him just that. Last year the city sold him a dog licence for his coyote. But this year it said he wouldn't need a licence.

The two-year-old female coyote was picked up by Mr. Meyer near Lundar, Man., as a pup. She is kept chained in the back yard of the Meyer home.

Here are some pros and cons in the matter.

Complaint: Children are not safe near the animal.

Answer: Mr. Meyer's own children play with it.

Complaint: The howling.

Answer: The animal is kept indoors at night, and does not howl.

Complaint: The coyote killed and ate a kitten last year.

Answer: The kitten was trying to catch fish which Mr. Meyer

keeps in an outdoor pond. "If their animals can fish, mine can hunt." The kitten was not eaten, he said. In fact, he turned it over to police.

Neighbors aren't going to drop the matter. Mrs. Embree McDermid said she is convinced that council would do something — if the coyote was moved next door to an alderman's home.

Free Press Meetings

Meetings to be held Wednesday in the Free Press building include: board room No. 2, ladies' auxiliary, Job's Daughters (Bethel No. 1), 2 p.m. board room No. 1, executive committee, women's auxiliary, Associated Canadian Travellers, 8 p.m.; board room No. 2, Manitoba Chess Association, 7:30 p.m.; clubroom, British Wives Club, 8 p.m.

Rail Yard Blamed For

Transcona council has established a committee to investigate complaints of damage to homes following blasting by Peter Leitch Construction Ltd. in the CNR yards.

Mayor Thomas Copeland said Tuesday that nine or 10 homes had been damaged. He claimed