

LIVING WITH URBAN COYOTES



**Los Angeles County Animal Control
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COYOTE PRECAUTIONS

Residents, especially those living near open spaces, natural thoroughfares, or wild land preserves, are advised to give special attention to the following Do's and Don'ts to safely co-exist with the coyote.

DO

- Consider making your pet an indoor pet when living in an area that is known to be occupied by coyotes.
- Keep your pet on a short leash.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Eliminate thick ground cover, such as ivy and low shrubs from around dwellings to reduce protective cover for coyotes and make the area less attractive to rodents. Coyotes and other predators may be attracted to areas where rodents are concentrated.
- Keep yards free from potential shelters such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Use a Coyote Shaker: A can containing a few coins or rocks which can be shaken and thrown at the coyote.
- Teach children not to approach stray animals.

DON'T

- Don't walk your pet during dusk or dawn, when coyotes tend to be more active.
- Don't allow pets to stay outdoors at night.
- Don't allow pets to roam from home unattended.
- Don't feed wild animals.
- Don't approach or attempt to "tame" coyotes.



SECURE YOUR FOOD AND TRASH

Allowing coyotes access to human food and garbage is reckless and can be deadly.

Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food, but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage, pet food, and small domestic animals.

- Do not set your trash out for pick-up until the day of pick-up to reduce attracting predators in the middle of the night.
- Don't leave trash cans uncovered.
- If you leave garbage outside, don't use trash bags as garbage containers; coyotes can easily rip them open and scatter the contents.
- Feed your pets indoors, if possible.
- If you do feed your pets outdoors, food dishes should be promptly emptied and removed after the pets have eaten.
- Don't leave water bowls for pets outdoors.
- Remove any fruit which has fallen to the ground, and cover compost piles.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, and other outdoor animals.
- Never feed coyotes.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.

Taking a few preventative measures should help deter unwanted wildlife from visiting your property. Please remember that if the three (3) life-sustaining elements are available (food, water, and shelter), you are likely to encounter some form of wildlife in your area.

USE NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT

If coyotes begin frequenting your neighborhood, let them know they're not welcome. Make loud noises, throw an object at them, or spray them with a garden hose. If you or your pets are approached by an aggressive coyote, pick up your pet or keep it on a short leash, and try to frighten the coyote by shouting in a loud deep voice, and by waving your arms to make yourself appear larger. If you are seated, stand up, retreat from the situation by walking slowly backwards so that you do not turn your back on the coyote. For everyone's safety, it is essential that coyotes retain their natural wariness of humans.

REPORT THREATS & ATTACKS IMMEDIATELY

If you see a coyote behaving aggressively or attacking a person immediately call 9-1-1.

The Los Angeles County Animal Control will respond to a situation involving most wildlife which are sick, injured, or deceased, or has had physical contact with a person or domestic animal. To report a deceased animal, contact the Los Angeles Animal Control at (310) 523-9566. The Los Angeles Animal Control Communication Center is open 24 hours - 7 days a week. Report coyote sightings and unusual events to the Los Angeles County Animal Control at (310) 523-9566.



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