

Urban Coyote Fact Sheet



Urban Coyote



- ◆ Active in daytime & nighttime.
- ◆ Most active at dusk & dawn.
- ◆ Most coyote interactions result from:
 - Presence of a dog.
 - Intentional/ unintentional food availability.
- ◆ Coyotes are scavengers & predators of small prey. *Dietary Examples:*
 - Small rodents, fruit, insects, rabbit, etc.
- * May view small domestic animals as prey & large dogs as a threat!



Detering Coyotes



- ◇ Remove all extra food sources: don't leave/store pet food outside.
- ◇ Remove water sources.
- ◇ Don't feed wildlife; this is how coyotes lose their fear of people!
- ◇ Tightly secure garbage.
- ◇ If you compost, use well-secured bins.



Protecting Pets



- ◆ Keep pets leashed & under control.
- ◆ Repellents (or) Fencing:
 - Remotely-activated lights.
 - Sound making devices
 - ⇒ 6 feet high (+) fencing; with roll bars across top.
- ◆ Don't leave pets unattended outside.
- *Even if they're in a fenced-in area.
- ◆ Keep pets inside at night.
- ◆ Keep domestic cats indoors.



When Conflict Arises



- ◇ "Big & Loud!"
 - If you can, make eye contact, wave arms overhead & make noise (*i.e.*: yell).
- ◇ *Tools:*
 - Pop-up umbrella; Noise maker; etc.
- ◇ If a coyote doesn't leave an area:
 - Don't Run.
 - Leave the area calmly.
 - Report to Animal Control.
- ◇ Alter your route to avoid conflict.
- ◇ Pick up small dogs & put large dogs behind you.



When to Take Action



- ◆ Report aggressive, fearless coyotes ASAP.
- ◆ Examples of coyotes that act aggressively or fail to exhibit fear of humans:
 - Agitated barking (unprovoked)
 - Raised hackles
 - Snarling
 - Growling
 - Lunging



Red fox



Dog



Striped skunk



coyote



Opossum



Raccoon

The Benefits of Urban Coyotes:

- ⇒ Help control population of other sometimes problematic urban wildlife.
- ⇒ Promote healthy & sustainable ecosystems.



Remember:

- ⇒ Do not create conflict where it does not exist! Coyotes are normally calm animals.
- ⇒ Do not leave pets outdoors alone, where they are at risk for predation & unnecessary conflict.