



## Be Coyote Aware

The Cypress City Council recently adopted a coyote management plan to address community concerns about the presence of coyotes in Cypress. While coyotes are generally reclusive animals who avoid human contact, it is important to be aware of their presence and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of your property and pets.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO DISCOURAGE COYOTE ACTIVITY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Residents can take preventative measures to ensure they are not providing food or shelter sources that may attract coyotes and other wildlife to their neighborhoods. Here are some general tips:

- Never leave cats and small dogs outdoors unattended
- Always feed pets indoors
- Use enclosed bins for compost; never compost meat or fish
- Clean up spilled bird seed around feeders
- Remove fallen fruit from the ground
- Store trash cans in an area where they cannot be tipped over
- Install motion-sensor lighting around your home
- Keep yards free of thick brush/weeds
- NEVER deliberately feed coyotes

### HOW DO I REPORT COYOTES?

Residents are encouraged to report coyote activity on Coyote Cacher:

[www.ucanr.edu/sites/coyotecacher](http://www.ucanr.edu/sites/coyotecacher)

Coyote Cacher allows the City to monitor all reported encounters. Residents can also use Coyote Cacher to view a map of reported encounters and sign up to receive email alerts.

Coyote encounters can also be reported directly to the City at [coyotereport@cypressca.org](mailto:coyotereport@cypressca.org) or (714) 229-3381.

**IF YOU ARE IN  
IMMEDIATE DANGER,  
CALL 911**

For more information and tips, visit our website at [www.cypressca.org/services/coyote-management-plan](http://www.cypressca.org/services/coyote-management-plan)

## WHAT DO I DO WHEN I ENCOUNTER A COYOTE?

As part of the Coyote Management Plan, the City has developed the following list of recommended resident responses to coyote encounters:

LEVEL GREEN	LEVEL YELLOW	LEVEL RED
<p><b><u>Coyote Action</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heard (howls, etc.)</li> <li>• Seen moving</li> <li>• Seen resting</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Coyote Action</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resting near humans</li> <li>• Entering a yard (with or without pets)</li> <li>• Biting or injuring an unattended pet</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Coyote Action</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalking a human (with or without pets)</li> <li>• Biting or injuring a pet on leash</li> <li>• Threatening a human (bares teeth, lunges, etc.)</li> <li>• Biting or injuring a human</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Resident Response</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report incident on Coyote Cacher</li> <li>• Review educational resources</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Resident Response</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report incident on Coyote Cacher</li> <li>• Review educational resources</li> <li>• Conduct yard audits</li> <li>• Begin hazing</li> <li>• Consider yard safety tools/equipment</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Resident Response</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report incident – on Coyote Cacher and to City</li> <li>• Review educational resources</li> <li>• Conduct yard audits</li> <li>• Continue hazing</li> <li>• Install yard safety tools</li> <li>• Utilize personal safety tools</li> </ul>

## WHAT IS HAZING AND HOW CAN IT HELP?

Hazing is a method used to move an animal out of an area or discourages an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans and deter them from frequenting your neighborhood. Hazing includes:

- Being LOUD AND LARGE – yell and wave your arms
- Using noisemakers (e.g. whistles, air horns, etc)
- Using projectiles (e.g. sticks, small rocks, etc.)
- Other repellents (e.g. water hose, pepper spray, etc.)

If a coyote has not been hazed before, it might not immediately run away when you haze it. It's important to continue to haze the coyote until it leaves the area completely.

Share this information with family, friends, and neighbors! The more people that get involved in hazing, the more quickly you will see results.

## HOW DO I PROTECT MY PETS?

The best way to minimize risk to pets is never to leave them outside unattended.

Confrontations between pets and coyotes are most likely to occur during breeding season (Jan-Mar) or pup season (Apr-Aug).

Consider making your yard safer for pets with a protective device installed on top of fencing, such as a "coyote roller", or provide them with a secure pet enclosure, such as a "catio".

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