

COYOTE 101:



Coyotes are wild animals and play a vital role in the ecosystem. Think of them as nature's pest control. They eat a large number of rodents, which keeps the rodent population under control. However, coyotes have become more prevalent in the beautiful neighborhoods of the San Gabriel Valley, and it is our responsibility to manage our urban environments to limit and control our interactions with coyotes. Here are a few helpful tips to ensure you are coexisting with our wild friends in your neighborhood.

- **DO NOT FEED OR ATTEMPT TO DOMESTICATE COYOTES**

Coyotes are wild animals and to ensure they are kept wild, it is imperative we do not nurture them. Note: It is **ILLEGAL** in the County of Los Angeles to feed coyotes and other wild life in urban and suburban areas.

- **REMOVE ATTRACTANTS**

Food, water, and shelter are an oasis for coyote activity. Attractants can be described as but are not limited to pet food, unsecured compost or trash, fallen fruit from trees in private yards or in parks, artificial lakes, swimming pools, pet water dishes, sheds, decks, crawl spaces, sumps, unattended pets, and feral cats.

- **SUPERVISE PETS AND SMALL CHILDREN**

Coyotes natural diets consist of small mammals, so it is imperative to accompany any being that may be similar in size and make-up. Keep pets and small children in close proximity in densely coyote populated area as the coyote may not attribute your loved one as belonging to you.

- **KEEP COYOTES WARY**

If a coyote approaches you or comes in your yard.....be as big, mean and loud as you can. If you are walking with a small child or animal, pick them up and remove yourself, the child and the animal from the situation slowly and carefully while maintaining eye contact. If you are in immediate danger or have been attacked call 911 immediately!





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- **HAVE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH A COYOTE?**
- **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT COYOTE MANAGEMENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**
- **WANT US TO SPEAK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR GROUPS?**

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