



Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



WILDLIFE WORKSHOP 7.27.17 MINUTES

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Coyotes roam where they can get food. The best way to have them leave our area is to be sure there is no food.

If you spot a coyote several times a week in the same area, that is a sign someone is feeding them and if they come up to a car it is because someone has thrown them food from a car.

Here are some things we can do as a community to help:

- Do not leave pet food or water outside. If your neighbor does, discuss it with them and if it does not stop - report them to LA Animal Services.
- Do not leave out bread for the birds or even bird seed.
- Clean up fruit that falls from trees.
- Clean up bushy areas and trim hedges, because they eat plants and sleep in them.
- Make sure your garbage can closes tight.
- Crawl spaces under houses must be sealed - by law
- Construction workers eat their lunch and throw what they don't eat on the ground...which invites coyotes. They have even learned when the food trucks come to construction sites and wait in the shadows.
- Coyotes eat 40% - 60% fruits and vegetables.
- Leaving food out for wildlife does not help them and the city is looking for offenders.
- Coyote scat normally has fur and seeds in it.

The coyotes we have in the city were born here and this is the only home they know. They are not pack animals, but travel alone or with a family member or two. They do not live in one den, but may have several dens.

LA City had a trap and relocate program in the past, but discovered no amount of killing will get rid of them because others take their place, so the city stopped the relocation program. It is illegal for a person to trap an animal, but it is legal to hire a professional licensed trapper who will kill the animal, because it is illegal to relocate wildlife. The reason the city does not relocate the animals is because it will spread disease.

By far the very best way to rid ourselves of coyotes is to remove their food source.

Suggestions to scare them away:

- Nite-Guard Solar. This small unit two red laser lights that look like eyes at night,
 - however you have to move them around because the
 - coyotes will soon discover they are no threat.
- Scarecrow Sprinklers or other motion sensors sprinklers work very well.
 - Surprise is a great defense.
- Coyote Roller is at the top of a fence or wall and prevents a coyote from getting over, because it rolls and the animal can't get a grip.
 - You can also make one out of a strong wire and pvc pipe.
- Flashlights with a strobe feature will scare them and humans away, temporarily
- blinding them.
- Animal Sound apps on your phone may also work well.
- Phone camera flash also works to startle them.
- Pine Cones: carry a local pine cone or a stick and throw it at them.
- Coins in a can. Shake the can

Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History [Dan Flores] is an excellent book to read.

The coyote you see in front of you is not much danger, because he/she knows they've been spotted, it is the one behind you that you do not see.

It is a law to keep your pet on a leash no longer than 6'. Retractable leashes are illegal. Pets close to you are less vulnerable.

If you walk more than one dog, it is suggested you walk with a partner or walk the pets separately.

Coyotes can easily jump straight up a 6' wall with prey in its mouth and can also scale an 8' wall if it can manage to step on a BBQ, trash can or anything near the wall to assist it to get up and over the wall.

Should you encounter a coyote while walking a dog, stop and pick up your pet while keeping direct eye contact with the coyote and slowly back away.

If you are alone you can raise your arms straight up above your head to appear taller and even run at them. This will frighten them away. They are a smart animal and soon learn that whistles, air horns, clapping your hands and stomping your feet does not harm them.

They tend to freeze and stare at you to see what you are going to do.

We used to think coyotes came out at dawn and dusk, but they have learned the best time to quietly look for food is between 8am - 5 pm while you are at work.

We know they will kill cats and smaller dogs and can bite large dogs. They can also bite humans but rarely do, because they are timid by nature. There has been *one fatality in the USA ever*. It happened in Glendale in 1981 because the person was trying to feed the animal.

Wildlife information including rescue groups:

- <http://www.laanimalservices.com/about-animals/wildlife/>
- West LA Shelter (310) 207-3156
- Los Angeles Department of Animal Services information line (888) 452-7381
- Facebook: LA Animal Services
- Twitter: @lacitypets
- Instagram. @laanimalservices

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Coyotes can travel up to 26 miles a night.

Now that people in the city are raising chickens, Coyotes are attracted to them.

They are tricksters—good at hiding, sneaking up and grabbing an animal.

Don't walk a regular routine—vary it so coyote and other predators (like people) can't predict what you are doing.

Coyotes can walk on the top of a fence that is two inches wide.

If you find an injured animal, you can help them get to a place that is warm, dark and quiet, but don't give them food or water.

Food attracts wildlife, comfort keeps them

Deterrents include male human urine, llama urine, and less so, ammonia.