

CITY COUNCIL ACTION AND/OR DIRECTION TO STAFF ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE PRESENCE OF COYOTES WITHIN CITY LIMITS (F: 27.1)

It was moved by Council Member Phan, seconded by Council Member Jones that the City Council:

Finds and determines that coyotes injure property in the city of Garden Grove; and

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for coyote abatement that requires the contractor to conduct its operations in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local law; provides for defense and indemnification of the City for the activity, and be in accordance with other terms the City Manager deems appropriate.

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(5)	Beard, Broadwater, Jones, Nguyen, Phan
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

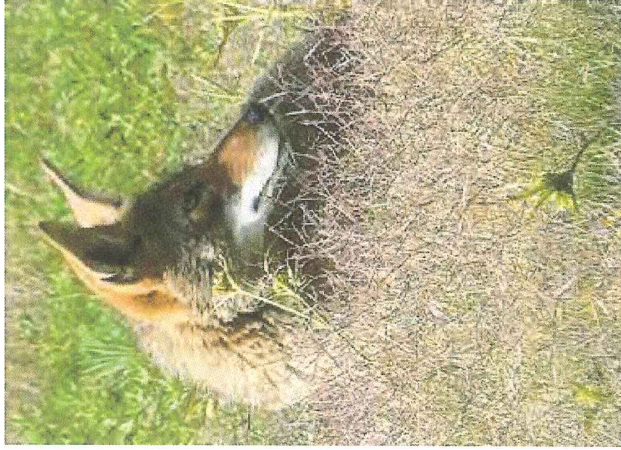


Coyote Management Plan

October 16, 2013



Coyote Sightings: What do they Mean?



- Coyotes are naturally **diurnal** (*active at dawn and dusk*)
- Coyotes naturally avoid people
- Coyotes living in close proximity to people can become **habituated**, or lose their fear of people.

Coyote Habituation

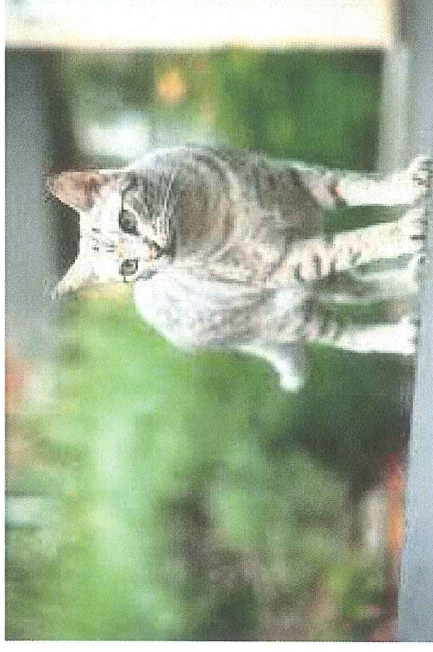
• Coyotes usually become habituated when they learn that people and/or neighborhoods are a source of food:

- Pet food outside
 - BBQ or food scraps
 - Unsecured trash
 - Compost piles
 - Fruit trees (rotting fruit)
 - Bird feeders
- Habituation is a learned behavior
- We reinforce this



Will Coyotes Attack Pets?

- Coyotes normally hunt small rodents
- Unattended pets (especially small dogs and cats are at risk of coyote attack)
- Larger-breed dogs at higher risk during coyote breeding season



Proper pet care and safety is paramount!

Protecting Pets

- Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult
- Feed pets indoors
- Use short leashes when walking pets
- Store trash in covered heavy-duty containers
- Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds
- Enclose bottoms of porches and decks
- Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit and standing water

Do Coyotes Attack People?

- Coyote attacks on people are very rare
- Average <12 bites/year
 - 4.7 million dog bites/year in U.S.
- Most involved minor injuries
- Many cases were feeding or pet related



Safety Tips for Children

- Never leave small child unattended outside
- Pick up small children if coyote nearby
- Teach children safety around strange dogs/animals
- Be **SMART**
 - Stop and don't make sudden moves
 - Make yourself look big
 - Announce yourself by making noise
 - Retreat by backing away slowly
 - Tell an adult



Coyote Hazing

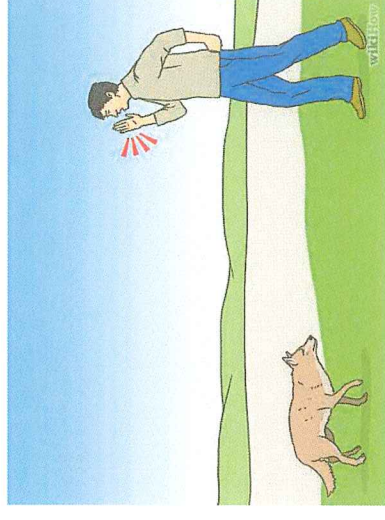
Training method that employs immediate deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourage an undesirable behavior or activity

Coyote Hazing

- Uses various techniques to reinstall the natural fear of humans back into habituated coyotes.

Techniques include:

- Yelling and waiving arms
- Banging pots and pans
- Using squirt guns
- Throwing things



- Learned behavior is passed on to family members and pups.

Hazing: Additional Tips & Precautions

- NEVER haze a sick or injured coyote
- Behavior of sick injured coyote is unpredictable
- Do not haze cornered coyote
- Ensure there is plenty of room for coyote to escape
- Young children should call for adult
- Most important for children not to run

Relocation

- Cook County Coyote Project monitored 12 relocated nuisance coyotes
 - None remained at release site (all gone within 48 hours)
- All traveled toward their original home range
- None returned successfully
 - Killed by hunters or cars
 - Disputes with other coyotes



Coyote Trapping/Abatement

- Reduce and reinstall fear in coyote population
- All the habitat requirements are still available
- *Without strong education/wildlife watch program*, communities will see return in size of coyote populations following trapping/abatement efforts.



Program Options

- Education/Hazing
- Relocation
- Trapping/Abatement
- Combination: Education, Abatement, Structural Deterrents

Coyote Reporting Hotline

- Call to report coyote sightings (date, time, and location)
- Hotline Number: 741-5286