

Wildlife Watch Coyote Hazing Presentation

City of Newport Beach





Living With Coyotes



- Coyotes are found in ALL areas of California - Newport Beach is no exception
- With expanding urban areas into natural habitat, coyotes have adjusted to living in an urban environment
- We 'invite' them to our neighborhoods by leaving...
 - Pet food in open containers,
 - Water in water bowls, fountains, pools,
 - Uncovered trash cans out in the open,
 - Small dogs and cats, unattended



Coyote Facts



- Coyotes are predators
- They hunt for food
- Coyotes are naturally wary of people but have become accustomed to living alongside them
- Coyotes do not see humans as a food source
- Coyotes are not normally a danger to humans but small pets can easily become coyote prey
- Don't 'corner' coyotes, don't get between a mother and her pups



Coyote FAQ



- Q. What's the average size of a coyote?
 - A. between 17 and 24 pounds.
- Q. How far do coyotes normally travel?
 - A. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from their last meal.
- Q. What size animal do coyotes normally attack?
 - A. About 20 pounds or less.
- Q. Why not just trap & relocate coyotes?
 - A. Relocation is illegal in CA. Trapping coyotes often results in catching the younger, less experienced coyotes.



Use Negative Reinforcement



- If coyotes frequent your neighborhood, let them know they're not welcome
- Make loud noises
- Throw rocks, sticks, cans, etc.
- Spray them with a garden hose
- Use a spray bottle filled with white vinegar
- It's essential that coyotes remain wary of humans



Does Eradication or Removal Work?



- Science shows us that eradication and/or relocation of urban coyotes is not effective.
- Removal provides a vacuum in nature that often causes coyotes to have larger litters, increasing the population.
- Newport Beach has and will continue to trap and euthanize certain aggressive coyotes...an action that is ineffective without community participation to haze coyotes



If Confronted, 'Haze' the Coyote

- Appear big, stand tall, stretch out and wave your arms
- Don't run, approach but leave an exit route for the coyote
- Use noisemakers such as air horns (available at Sporting goods stores for about \$10), or whistles (available free from NBPD)





Never Feed Coyotes



**Do not feed
the coyotes**

- Providing food for wild animals is a very serious problem, and...
 - It's a violation of City & State law
- Coyotes fed by humans lose their fear of people and associate people with food, which...
 - Creates a dangerous situation.
- If you are aware of anyone feeding coyotes, please...
 - Report the violation by calling 949-644-3717



Protect Your Pets



- Fully enclose pet enclosures
 - Coyotes can easily jump over 6-7' fences
- Feed & keep pets indoors
- Store trash in tightly covered containers
- Keep yards free from potential shelter
 - Coyotes hide in thick brush and weeds
- Avoid providing food & water sources
 - Eliminate fallen fruit & standing water
- **Immediately pick up your small pet if approached by a coyote**



Be Cautious Near Posted Warning Signs



**be
COYOTE
SMART
KNOW HOW TO RESPOND**



- Stand tall and wave your arms
- Yell and use noisemakers
- Throw sticks, small rocks, cans or tennis balls

For more information on pet safety and coyote hazing
go to www.nbpd.org and search "coyote"

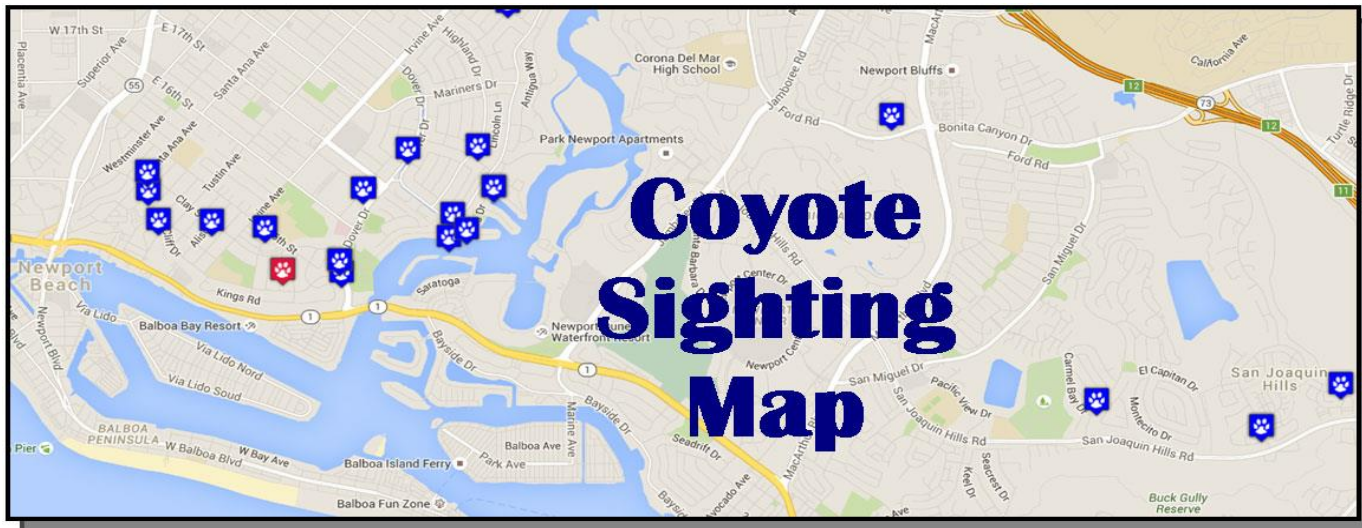
**REPORT COYOTE SIGHTINGS TO
949-644-3656**



We Need Your Help Tracking Coyotes



- Help NBPD Track Coyote Sightings
- Report Coyote sightings on NBPD.org website, click 'Online Services', click 'Coyote Sighting', enter sighting information
- View recent coyote sightings in N.B.





Newport Beach's Leash Law

- Leash laws promote human and animal safety by ensuring that dogs are under control when off their owner's property.
 - Every year, Animal Control investigates multiple dog bites and dog-vs-dog attacks that involve off-leash dogs.
 - It isn't always the attacking dog that is off-leash! Many times, an off-leash "friendly" dog approaches a leashed "aggressive" dog and gets attacked. In these situations, the owner of the "victim" dog would have been able to prevent the attack if their dog was leashed.
- Coyotes pose a danger to off-leash dogs. Coyotes will not attack a dog being controlled by a person on a standard six-foot leash, because the coyote is not willing to get that close to the person. However, off-leash dogs have been attacked by coyotes when they've wandered **just** far enough away from their owner that the coyote no longer sees the human as a threat.
- Official off-leash dog parks which are properly fenced and have appropriate regulations provide a space where owners can opt-in to allowing their dog off-leash around other dogs and accept the associated risks.