

# CITY OF WHITTIER



## Coyote Activity Notice

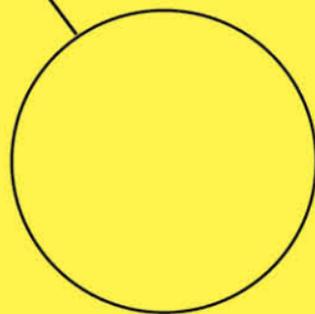
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This notice is to advise residents about coyote activity in your neighborhood.

- Coyotes are being seen frequently in urban neighborhoods as water and food sources in the hills become more scarce
- Residents living near the hills have seen wildlife visits become a normal aspect of life, but coyotes are now ranging further into residential areas in search of water and food
- Coyotes must not be allowed to associate humans with food or water sources
- Coyotes view cats and dogs as prey and a source of food
- The City is actively working with California Department of Fish & Wildlife on methods to assist our community in effectively scaring coyotes away from occupied areas
- **Coyote attacks on humans are very rare, however if an actual attack occurs, please notify the Whittier Police Department immediately. The Police Department will then coordinate a response with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.**

**Additional coyote information is available at:**

<http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/admserv/coyotes.asp>



## **Coyote Hazing**

Is a critical component to retrain coyote behavior, causing them to leave the immediate area and to fear humans:

- Stand tall, wave your arms and yell, safely walk towards the coyote if necessary
- Use noisemakers (shout, use whistles, air horns, bells or shaker cans filled with pennies)
- Throw items such as sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls or rubber balls
- Spray the coyote with a garden hose or from a spray bottle filled with vinegar water

## **Preventive Measures**

- Never feed coyotes
- Remove food and water sources, such as fallen fruit and standing water
- Utilize trash containers with secure lids
- Feed pets indoors when possible and never leave food outside unattended
- Trim shrubs up off the ground and thin landscaping to remove areas where coyotes and/or prey can hide
- Never leave small children or pets unattended outdoors if there are coyotes in the area
- At night, use motion activated lights and sprinklers



**Report COYOTE incidents to:  
City of Whittier (562) 567-9810**