



Coyote 101 Informational Town Hall

Wednesday, March 2, 2023, 6:30pm
★ California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Alex Heeren
★ LA County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures (ACWM), Nam Nguyen
★ San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), Vanessa Guerra & Sophia Sousa

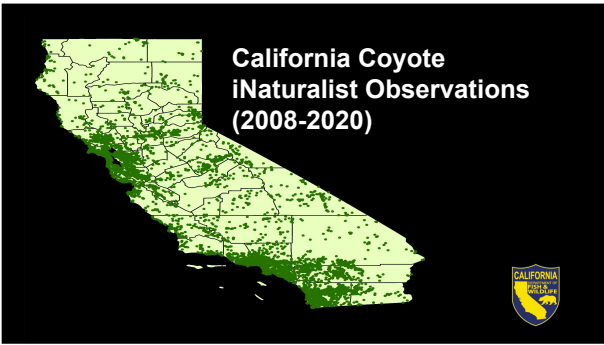


Agenda

- 1) Presentations
 - a) *Living with Coyotes*, CDFW
 - b) *Neighborhood Coyote Program*, SGVCOG
- 2) Q & A Session
 - a) LA County & CDFW




Living with Coyotes
Understanding & Preventing Human-Wildlife Conflict




California Fish and Game Commission Terrestrial Predator Policy

- Native terrestrial predators are an integral part of California's natural wildlife and possess intrinsic, biological, historical, and cultural value, which benefit society and ecosystems.
- The Commission shall promote the ecological, scientific, aesthetic, recreational, and educational value of native terrestrial predators in the context of ecosystem-based management.
- Human safety shall be considered a priority.
- A diverse set of tools is necessary to avoid, reduce, and manage conflict.



Legal Status

- Coyotes are classified as a non-game species.
- Per Fish and Game Code and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, coyotes that are causing property damage (depredation) can be taken by any legal means.
- County and municipal ordinances may limit options to take coyotes.
- Relocation is illegal for a variety of humane and ecological reasons.











Item	Complete	Needs Work	Comments
Fruit trees maintained and fallen fruit picked up			
Yard mowed and bushes/shrubs trimmed			
Birdfeeders clean and maintained			
Pet food removed from patio and yard			
Pet waste disposed of			
Crawlspace and balconies secure			
Garbage is in secure container			
Garbage is inside until pick-up day			
Sprinklers and fountains not leaking			

Response Level	Behavior Observed	Response
Green	Coyote(s) observed in neighborhood. Animals are engaged in natural behaviors.	Can report as a "sighting." Let neighbors and community know coyotes are present so they can ensure attractants are removed.
Yellow	Coyotes are getting into garbage or causing a mess in yards or on property.	Report as a "nuisance." Work with neighbors to remove attractants and conduct yard audits.
Orange	Coyotes are causing property damage or have taken pets.	Report property damage. Might consider utilizing "hazing" or other types of discouragement or deterrence mechanisms.
Red	Coyote has bitten or scratched a human or is an immediate public safety concern.	Report to local law enforcement (911) who will work with CDFW to respond.



WILDLIFE INCIDENT
REPORTING SYSTEM

<https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir>





The Neighborhood Coyote Program

Promoting Safe Coexistence with Coyotes
in the San Gabriel Valley

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San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

- Regional planning agency that aims to maximize the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley
- Programs/projects address transportation, homelessness/housing, water, and the environment
- 31 cities, 2 Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts, and 3 Municipal Water Districts





Neighborhood Coyote Program Member Cities

- Alhambra
- Arcadia
- Azusa
- Glendora
- Irwindale
- Montebello
- Rosemead**
- San Marino

The Neighborhood Coyote Program

- Outreach and education program that also keeps track of coyote behavior/encounters
- Work with cities and residents to ensure the safe coexistence of residents and coyotes
- Aim to prevent escalated coyote encounters



The Neighborhood Coyote Program

Community Outreach

Education

Referrals & Resources

Reporting & Tracking

How can we help?



Equip you with the resources needed to:

- Prevent escalated encounters with coyotes
- Humanely evict coyotes that have built a den on your property
- Know when/how to safely haze coyotes
- Keep pets and young children safe
- Identify attractants that are bringing coyotes to the neighborhood
- Understand precautions necessary for safe coexistence

Reporting to the Neighborhood Coyote Program

Report by phone

- Call (626) 278-8039

Report by email

- Email coyotes@sgvcog.org

Report by Google Form

- Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/sgvcoyotes

Please use the educational line for general questions and education as well!

The screenshot shows a Google Form titled "Neighborhood Coyote Program (土狼管理計劃)". It includes instructions in both English and Chinese, a "Report" button, and several input fields: "First & Last Name (姓名)", "E-mail (電子郵件)", and "Contact Telephone Number (聯絡電話)".

When to Report to the Neighborhood Coyote Program

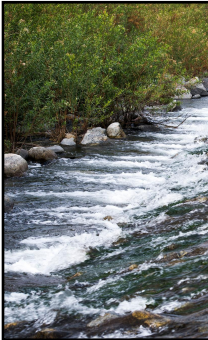
Any time you see or hear a coyote, report!

- Questions/Information needed:
 - Location
 - Description of the coyote(s)
 - Details of the encounter
 - Did you haze the coyote?
 - What was the coyote's reaction?
 - Pet injuries (in any)



You are our eyes and ears in the neighborhood! This is how we can better understand the coyote situation.

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Contacting Other Agencies

Contact Animal Control when...

- Coyote is ill or injured and non-ambulatory (not moving)
- There are deceased cats and fowl in a public space

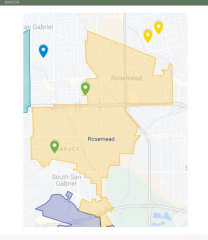
Contact Code Enforcement regarding...

- Properties violating municipal code and attracting coyotes/wildlife as a result (overgrown foliage, vacant and unkempt homes)

All other non-emergency encounters should be reported to the Neighborhood Coyote Program.

Call 911 during an emergency!

Neighborhood Coyote Program www.sgvocog.org/coyotes



REPORT MAP
Key
Blue - Response Level 1
Green - Response Level 2
Yellow - Response Level 3

Why report?

Reporting offers cities valuable insights, including:

- Determining hot spots
- Revealing coyote behavioral trends
- Identifying illegal activity that must be addressed

Your city monthly reports can be found on our website at:

sgvocog.org/coyote-monthly-reports



Feeding Coyotes

It is illegal to feed wildlife in the State of California

(CA code of regulations Title 14, section 251.1)

Feeding Wildlife can cause:

- Animal behavior to change
- Association of humans with food, leading to aggressive behavior
- Loss of caution and fear for humans
- Loss of foraging and hunting skills
- Spread of diseases to pets and people

Keep Park
Wildlife Wild
Do Not Feed
The Animals

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE A COYOTE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Think SMART!

Stop 

Stop! Don't run or turn your back on the coyote. If you have a small pet, pick them up.

Make 

Make yourself look bigger! Raise and wave your arms. Hold items and/or extra articles of clothing above your head.

Announce 

Announce your presence by yelling. Loudly say, "leave me alone!" You may also use noise makers such as keys or air horns.

Retreat 

Retreat by backing away slowly. Never run away or turn your back on a coyote.

Teach 

Teach your friends and family about coyote safety! Share this acronym with them, along with our program information.

Information sourced from the Wolf Conservation Center and provided by the SGCVG Neighborhood Coyote Program

Tips for Coyote Encounters

When going on walks:

- Carry a walking stick to help ward off coyotes
- Carry a noise maker (whistle, airhorn, can full of coins) to scare away coyotes
- Carry pebbles to throw in the coyote's direction (NOT at the coyote)
- Take a flashlight for evening walks to deter coyotes from approaching you

Never turn your back or run away. Keeps pets in a short leash (max 6ft).

When at home:

- Spray with garden hose (use thumb or spray nozzle)
- Make loud noises (bang two pots together, shout, shake a tin can filled with coins, etc.)
- Use an air horn

Never corner a coyote without an escape route.

Never leave children or pets unattended.

How can residents can help?

- Remove all attractants
- Implement deterrents on your property
- Supervise pets and children at all times
- Scare coyotes that are near areas of high human activity
- Never feed wildlife (including feral/stray cats)
- Sharing coyote safety information with your neighbors
- Report coyote encounters



Remember, it takes the whole community to help mitigate coyote activity in the area!

Thank You!

Contact Us:

Website: sgvcog.org/coyotes

Mobile Number: (626) 278-8039

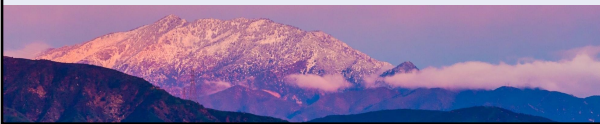
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Q&A Session



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