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Urban Coyote Information

Over the past several years, coyote sightings have become more common within the City Beaumont. Although statistics show attacks on humans are extremely rare, it is always a good idea to regularly remind the residents of our City how to safely co-exist with coyotes.

Residents should take precautions to avoid creating potential problems.

- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove dishes when pets complete their meals outdoors. Store bags of pet food indoors.
- Use trash barrels fitted with pipe clamping devices on the lids to prevent spills.
- Remove fallen fruit, particularly avocados, from yards and orchards. Fallen fruit will attract other food sources for coyotes.
- Clear brush and dense weeds around your property. This deprives shelter to rodents and reduces protective cover for coyotes.
- Keep small animals indoors as much as possible, especially at night.
- Do not feed or provide water to coyotes or other wildlife.
- Do not use plastic bags as garbage containers. Coyotes will rummage through them looking for food.
- Put trash cans out the morning of pick up instead of the night before. Coyotes are intelligent and learn to knock them over to access the contents.

First and foremost, the most effective way to prevent coyote attacks in our neighborhoods is to eliminate the feeding of any wildlife whether intentionally or accidentally. That means keep trash cans secure, do not leave pet food outside and do not feed them food of any kind. Coyotes are generally timid and shy animals that tend to steer clear of any potential danger and thus pose little threat to humans.

Coyotes visit during the day as well as at nighttime. Some display no fear in the presence of people. Please be very cautious when leaving animals and small children unattended outdoors. Coyotes can jump up to 14 feet and wrought iron or chain link fences may not deter them.

Residents with small pets (less than 20 pounds) should supervise them while outdoors. Domestic cats left outdoors can also serve to attract coyotes. It is important that domestic cats and small dogs be kept indoors. A coyote cannot tell the difference between a small cat or dog and a rabbit, mouse or any other food source.

Always use a secure, sturdy leash when walking your dog. Retractable leashes are not recommended as they tend to jam and can make it difficult for you to protect your pet from a predator.

If you see a coyote during the daytime or are approached by a coyote, you should yell, wave your arms and/or throw something at it. Do not run as this will cause the coyote to pursue what it thinks is prey.

For more information or to report a coyote sighting, please contact the Beaumont Police Department/ Animal Care at (951) 769-8500.

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