COYOTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Checklist Reminder: Time to Conduct the At-Home Coyote Prevention Checklist

The coming weeks are a critical time for coyotes and their pack. Coyote gestation, similar to the 9 month pregnancy cycle of humans, typically takes 63 days. It is the season for coyotes to den and give birth to pups.

Making sure food is not directly or indirectly supplied to coyotes is essential at this time. If the pregnant female coyote has an abundant food supply, she can produce a litter of up to 11 pups. Conduct the <u>At-Home Coyote</u> <u>Prevention Checklist</u> twice a year to reduce a potential growth of the coyote population.

Focus on these key recommendations:

- **Remove coyote attractants outside your home**, such as pet food and fallen bird seed that can attract rodents.
- **Properly secure trash and enclose compost.** Animals forage and feed if they can access food waste.
- **Pick ripened fruit.** The number one source of coyote food supplied indirectly by people come from gardens. Coyotes eat nuts, fruits, and vegetables.
- Never feed wildlife.

Population size naturally stabilizes when coyotes are limited to food in the wild. If the coyote diet includes food in the wild and food in residential areas, the number of coyotes in the area can increase.

Report Coyote Activity

- Web: <u>www.TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes</u>
- 24-Hour Hotline: (310) 618-3898
- Mobile App: myTorranceCA

Report Sick, Injured, Deceased Animals

• Torrance Animal Control: (310) 618-3850

Report Aggressive Coyote Behavior to People

• Call 9-1-1

Did you know?

• The average coyote litter size is between 4 and 7 pups. This number can grow to 11 pups if coyotes have access to resource rich food sources.

View Weekly Coyote Activity Report

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For coyote education resources and resident action plans, visit: <u>TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes</u>