COYOTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

It's Coyote Pupping Season

Once a year coyotes give birth to a litter of pups. At about this time and in the coming weeks we can expect coyote pups to be born. **While the average urban coyote litter size is 4-7 pups, a litter can reach 11 pups** *if resources are available.*

Important reminders to follow in March:

- **Avoid dense brush.** Don't allow children or pets to walk into overgrown foliage that isn't your property. Coyotes build dens in heavily brushed area for protective cover. If they see a potential threat to their offspring, they may act aggressively to protect the litter. If you are near a den, a coyote may escort you out of the area. It is normal wildlife behavior to protect their offspring.
- **Don't leave food unsecured outdoors.** Since the female coyote cannot leave the newborn pups, the pack must hunt to provide nourishment for her and the pups. Any food left outside that is easily accessible feeds the growing litter. If food is difficult for coyotes to find, they'll have to resort to food found in the wild. This means the coyotes must hunt and work for their food instead of easily finding food near trash bins.
- **Haze coyotes.** The pack understands its mission. Hunt and forage to feed themselves as well as the mother coyote and pups. This undertaking may require coyotes to venture into areas they may not visit the rest of the year. To avoid coyotes from visiting, haze or scare them. Wild animals don't want confrontation. They want food. If there is a threat to their livelihood, they will go elsewhere.

Report Coyote Activity
- Web: www.TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes
- 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

View Weekly Coyote Activity Report

Did you know?
- A coyote mother nurses her litter of pups for the first two months of life. After this, pups consume regurgitated food brought to the den by the coyote pack.

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For coyote education resources and resident action plans, visit:
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