

# COYOTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



## Do's & Don'ts of Hazing Coyotes

In the wilderness coyotes are more reclusive than their urban counterparts. Coyotes whose territory includes cities often hear loud noises, see whizzing cars and observe people nearly every day. Coyotes have grown accustomed to city-life and sounds; the reward (food) is greater than the risk.

In the South Bay, coyotes don't have natural predators, like wolves, bears or mountain lions. They've learned to live within close proximity to people because cities don't pose a threat to their survival. People walking by observe them, whistles heard at the park don't frighten them, and fast cars can be avoided by moving around them. Studies show coyotes thrive in cities because of an abundance of food supplied by people, voluntarily or inadvertently.

According to reports submitted by residents in the City of Torrance, less than half of people who encounter a coyote haze or scare it. If a coyote encounters 10 people and only 2 haze it, the coyote will not react to hazing. It will continue to feel people pose no threat and carry on with its search for food. Again, the reward is high and the risk is low.

### What can be done to retrain coyotes to avoid people?

Haze or scare the coyote. Instill fear of people. Instead of quietly observing coyotes, get loud, big, or appear threatening to the coyote.

### Torrance Municipal Code does not allow the use of weapons against a non-aggressive animal.

#### 45.3.7 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, no person shall shoot, fire or discharge or cause to be shot, fired or discharged any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver or firearm of any kind.

#### 45.3.8 DISCHARGE OF AIR RIFLES.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, no person shall shoot, fire or discharge or cause to be shot, fired or discharged any BB gun, air rifle, spring gun or other weapon which discharges a shot or missile.

#### 45.3.9 SHOOTING OF ARROWS.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, no person shall shoot or cause to be shot any arrow or similar missile; except toy arrows and arrows with rubber or suction cup tips.

### What not to do if you see a coyote:

- Do not turn your back and run. This triggers a canine's instinct to chase.
- Do not haze or destroy a den with newborn pups. This may cause an overprotective parent to remove the threat to its offspring.
- Do not be quiet. When you don't scare the coyote you teach them humans are nothing to fear.
- Do not use a firearm, BB gun or arrow to haze the coyote. It is illegal in the City of Torrance.
- After you haze the coyote. Take action. Alert your neighbors. Report to the City.

### Report Sick, Injured, Deceased Animals

- Torrance Animal Control: (310) 618-3850

### Report Coyote Activity

- Web: [www.TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes)
- 24-Hour Hotline: (310) 618-3898
- Mobile App: myTorranceCA

### Report Aggressive Coyote Behavior to People

- Call 9-1-1

### View Weekly Coyote Activity Report



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[TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes](http://TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes)