ENCOUNTERS WITH COYOTE PUPS

Coyote pups born in spring are now several weeks old. Pups, weaned from mother's milk this month, are old enough to leave their den. They learn to hunt small animals, like insects and lizards, and forage for plant-based food. Pups venture further outside their den and explore their new environment.

Typically, pack members accompany pups as they traverse their home range. Adult pack members teach them acceptable coyote behavior they've learned as urban coyotes in a city. Witnessing coyotes and their pups in open green spaces that mimic their natural habitat is normal wildlife behavior. Pups may venture onto the hillsides near homes if there is protective cover, such as overgrown foliage or brush.

What to do if you see a coyote pup?

- **Do not touch coyote pups.** They may have wandered too far and become lost, or they may be sick or injured.
- **Do not feed pups.** Feeding wildlife is not only illegal but can harm the animal.
- **Contact Torrance Animal Control at (310) 618-3850 if the pup looks sick or injured.** Staff can better assess the pup's welfare.
- **Do not approach a pup even if it's in your backyard.** Instead, haze the pups from a safe distance by making loud noise or spray water from a hose.
- **Report the pup to official City channels.**

Coyote parents, like other wildlife, are highly protective of their offspring. Be aware of vigilant pack members nearby.

How to safeguard your home from unwanted coyote visits?

- ✓ Remove potential food sources that invite wildlife to a meal.
- ✓ Minimize water sources and places for wildlife to use as shelter.
- ✓ Conduct the At-Home Coyote Prevention Checklist to identify coyote attractants, such as food sources that contribute to growing the coyote population.

Report Sick, Injured, Deceased Animals

- Torrance Animal Control: (310) 618-3850

Report Coyote Activity

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

View Weekly Coyote Activity Report

Report Aggressive Coyote Behavior to People
Call 9-1-1

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