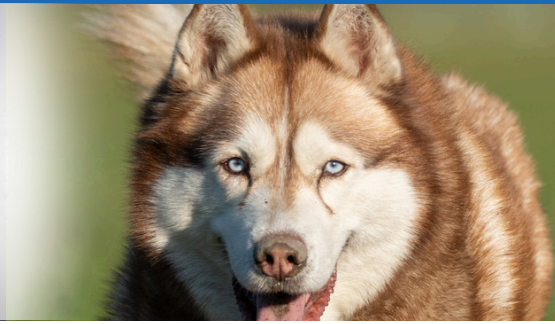


# COYOTE OR DOG?



From afar, a coyote can be mistaken for a domestic dog. Both coyotes and domestic dogs belong to the canine family and share many physical characteristics. Read below to learn more about the differences between a coyote and a domestic dog.

## COYOTE



## DOG



### Appearance:

- Legs appear longer
- Abdominal cavity is higher
- Tail is down
- Eyes are yellow
- Snout is long and narrow

- Legs vary in size
- Lower abdominal cavity
- Tail is usually up
- Eyes are different colors
- Snout size and shape vary

### Walking Style:

- Walking, trotting, loping and galloping gaits

- Walking and running

### Scat (Feces) Appearance:

- Rope-like and firm
- Hair and bones are visible from eating animals

- Soft appearance from eating dog food

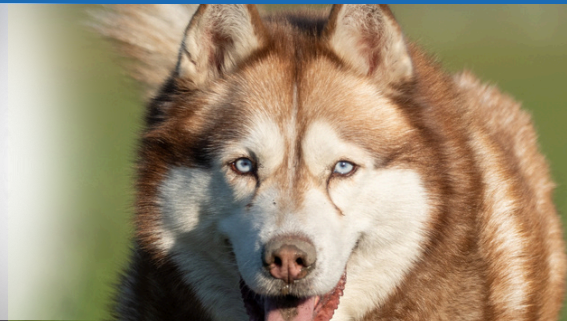
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COYOTE PRINT



DOG PRINT



## HOW TO SAFEGUARD YOUR DOG FROM COYOTE CONFLICT?

1. Always keep your dog on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length. This helps keep better control of your dog in case there is a negative interaction.
2. Supervise your dog when outdoors. Coyotes may see smaller dogs as prey if left unsupervised. Coyote may attack a larger dog if it perceives it as a threat to resources or pups. It's best to avoid any confrontation by supervising your dog.
3. Haze or scare a coyote if you encounter one on a walk. Safely hazing the coyote is important to prevent it from feeling comfortable around people and pets. When hazing, pick up your dog or bring it close to you. Don't let your dog physically engage the coyote.
4. Do not walk away or turn your back from the coyote. If you turn your back it may follow or chase you. Instead face it and haze the coyote until it walks away.

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## 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: **9-1-1**



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