



City of Rolling Hills Estates

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COYOTE BEHAVIOR, BEHAVIOR CLASSIFICATION, AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE

Report Coyote encounters, incidents and attacks to Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department – Pest Management Division at (626) 575-5462.

Coyote Action	Classification	Response
Coyote heard	Observation	Note sighting –tracked as normal coyote behavior.
Coyote seen moving in an area	Sighting	Note sighting. Learn proper hazing techniques. Tracked as normal coyote behavior.
Coyote seen resting in an area	Sighting	If area frequented by people, learn proper hazing techniques to encourage animal to leave. Look for and eliminate attractants
Coyote following or approaching a person and a pet	Sighting -Encounter	Know and exercise proper hazing techniques and pet management – pets should be kept on leash. Do not turn your back; face the coyote and carefully back away slowly.
Coyote following or approaching a person without a pet (stalking)	Encounter	Know and exercise proper hazing techniques. Do not turn your back; face the coyote and carefully back away slowly.
Coyote entering a yard	Encounter	Complete a yard audit and remove attractants. Know and understand proper hazing techniques. If you have pets, review pet management for their safety.
Coyote entering yard and injuring or killing pet	Incident	Work with neighbors to aggressively haze coyotes, gather info on specific animals involved, report on circumstances, conduct yard and neighborhood audits, remove coyote attractants in yard and neighborhood, encourage pet safety for all in neighborhood.
Coyote biting or injuring pet on leash	Incident	Gather info on specific animals involved, report circumstances, conduct yard and neighborhood audits, remove coyote attractants in yard and neighborhood, encourage pet safety for all in neighborhood. Trapping may be necessary.
Coyote aggressive showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping without contact	Threat	Gather info on situation, report circumstances, conduct yard and neighborhood audits, remove coyote attractants in yard and neighborhood, encourage pet safety for all in neighborhood. Trapping may be necessary.
Coyote biting or injuring person	Attack	IN PROCESS ATTACK – REPORT TO 911 Identify and gather information on specific animal involved. Report circumstance to County Department and City staff. City will inform the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Trapping may be necessary.