



BE COYOTE AWARE

PET SAFETY TIPS

Coyotes are common throughout North America, including in urban areas. You may see and hear them more during mating season (Dec-Feb) and when juveniles are dispersing from family groups (Sept-Nov). These facts and safety tips will help increase comfort and decrease conflicts when living close to or recreating near America's native "Song Dog".

FACTS

- Coyotes are members of the dog family; they are curious, adaptable and learn quickly.
- Coyotes often mate for life, are devoted parents and are highly communicative (barks, yips and howls).
- Coyotes weigh 18-35 pounds in the West and 30-60 pounds in the East.
- Coyotes may be more protective of dens/territories during pup rearing (**April-Aug**).
- Coyotes eat large numbers of rodents and rabbits, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects and carrion. They help keep ecosystems vital, healthy and clean.
- Coyotes are naturally wary of people but can habituate to our presences and the reliable food sources that we provide.



SAFETY

- **DON'T FEED COYOTES.** Their life and your safety depend on coyotes remaining wild and naturally wary of people.
- Remove attractants; pick up trash, secure garbage and feed pets inside. Don't leave food outside or pets outside unattended.
- Walk dogs on short leashes, especially during pup rearing season (April-Aug). Pick up your small dog if you see a coyote and don't let pets roam free.
- **DO NOT USE** doggie doors especially for small pets.
- If approached, don't run. Wave arms, make **LOUD** noise and walk toward the coyote until he retreats. **Be BIG BAD AND LOUD!**
- Avoid areas where coyotes may be denning or feeding/hiding pups.
- Appreciate coyotes from a distance. Share this information with family and friends.

CONTACT

Mary O'Neill, President PC Pet Companions Club
425-870-9326

Updated: December 31, 2024