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YOU ARE IN COYOTE COUNTRY

Your neighborhood is experiencing an increase in coyote sightings and activity. Human behavior plays an important role in shaping urban coyote behavior. For you and your pet's safety, it is important to keep your local coyotes wild.



NEVER feed coyotes, either purposefully or indirectly:

- NEVER feed a coyote - a fed coyote is an aggressive or dead coyote. If you observe or suspect someone is feeding coyotes, immediately contact Open Space and Natural Resources staff at 303-326-8435.
- Do not leave pet food outside, day or night. Period.
- Do not leave trash uncovered or out on the curb overnight.
- Bird feeders, nuts and fruits can attract coyotes into your backyard. In areas where coyotes have been seen, it is best to remove these attractants.

If you live near or adjacent to a park, trail, golf course or natural open space area; or if coyotes have been seen in your neighborhood:

- Keep small pets in sight or accompany them outside even if you have a fenced yard, particularly after dusk when coyotes are more active.
- Remember, if you live in Aurora - or any Front Range community - you probably have these wild neighbors. They are highly adapted to our urban landscape, which means they may travel through your subdivision.

If you are approached or followed by a coyote:

Coyotes may follow humans if they have been fed by humans or if there is an active den in the area. Coyotes associate with and protect dens in the spring and early summer when pups are likely to be present.

Discourage coyotes from following you and your pet or from entering your yard:

- Be as BIG and LOUD as possible.
- In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.
- Use arm gestures or stomp your feet to exaggerate your size.
- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.
- ALWAYS keep your pets on leash.
 - Collect small pets into your arms.
 - Keep larger pets close to you.
 - Never allow your pet to play with coyotes.
- Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote.
- Facing the coyote, slowly move toward a busy, populated area. There is no need to run.
- Consider adjusting your walking route for a few weeks if you think there is a den in the area.