



Coyote Hazing Guideline

Appropriate Responses For Various Coyote Behaviors

*The following “Hazing” responses have been shown to reduce incidents of coyote aggression.

Animal Activity	Hazing Response
Coyote(s) seen moving through the area (any time of day)	No response necessary. Stay aware of the animal’s location until they are out of sight. Remember that coyotes are creatures of habit, often seen in the same place in future.
Coyote(s) resting in an area (any time of day)	Examine location. If hazardous to people or pets in the area, clap hands, shout, try to startle the animal to leave area.
Coyote(s) moving along same path as people or pets.	Don’t ignore or avoid. Make eye contact, yell, clap, use noisemakers, and encourage coyote to change path away from people or pets.
Coyote(s) following people/pet	Aggressively face coyote-yell, clap, noisemakers, move towards coyote. Gather other people to “face-off” coyote and encourage it to leave area. DO NOT STOP until coyote has left the area.
Coyote(s) sniffing area recently vacated by people/pet	Don’t ignore or avoid. Make eye contact, yell, clap, noise. Encourage coyote to move out of area.
Coyote(s) entering backyard w no pet present	Aggressively face coyote. Yell, clap, noise, move towards coyote. Spray w. hose. Scare coyote out of yard. DO NOT STOP until coyote has left.
Coyote(s) entering yard w/pet present	Get pet inside or pick up if possible. Aggressively face coyote-yell, clap, noise, move towards, throw items, spray w. hose. DO NOT STOP until coyote has left. Do not injure-can increase chance of attack.
Coyote(s) “playing” with pet	DO NOT ALLOW. Get pet inside or pick up if possible. Aggressively face coyote-yell, clap, noisemakers, move towards, throw items, DO NOT STOP until coyote has left the area. Do not injure-can increase chance of attack.
Coyote(s) approaching person directly	Aggressively face coyote-yell, clap, noisemakers, move towards, spray w. hose, gather other people to encourage coyote to leave area. DO NOT STOP until coyote has left area. *REPORT INCIDENT*
Coyote(s) circling person/pet	Pick up pet if possible. Aggressively face coyote-yell, clap, noise, move towards, get other people, throw items. Don’t ignore-or turn back on coyote. DO NOT STOP until coyote has left. DO NOT INJURE -can increase chance of attack.
Coyote approaching/circling a child	Pick up child immediately, yell, noise, etc. DO NOT RUN AWAY OR IGNORE. DO NOT STOP until coyote leaves. *REPORT IMMEDIATELY*
Coyote biting pet	Yell, call for more people to help. Pick up pet if poss. Use item to hit coyote. It is possible to scare coyote into dropping pet. There is a danger of being bitten if you are between the pet and the coyote. *REPORT INCIDENT*
Coyote biting person	Yell, call for help, kick and fight, coyote will usually flee. Seek medical attention as needed. * REPORT IMMEDIATELY.*

*If you think an animal is sick or injured **DO NOT** engage with hazing techniques. Contact authorities-- and remove yourself from the vicinity. Sick or injured animals are unpredictable and you should avoid contact.

Please report any unusual coyote behavior to the Laguna Beach/ Laguna Woods Animal Services website, coyotes@lagunabeachcity.net. For incidents requiring immediate attention please call the Laguna Beach Police Department at (949) 497-0701.