



Wildlife Hazing Guidelines

Appropriate Responses for Various Wildlife Behaviors



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Report any unusual wildlife behavior to the Laguna Beach/Laguna Woods Animal Services by emailing coyotes@lagunabeachcity.net. Call the Laguna Beach Police Department at **949-497-0701** for incidents that require immediate attention. Visit the [City of Laguna Beach's coyote information website](#) for more information.

Animal Activity	Hazing Response
Wildlife seen moving through the area (any time of day)	No response necessary. Stay aware of the animal's location until it is out of sight. Wildlife are creatures of habit and often are seen in the same place.
Wildlife 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 get it to leave the area.
Wildlife moving along same path as people or pets	Don't ignore or avoid. Make eye contact, yell, clap, use noisemakers and encourage animal to change path away from people or pets.
Wildlife following people/pet	Aggressively face wildlife: Yell, clap, noisemakers, move toward wildlife. Gather other people to "face-off" wildlife and encourage it to leave area. Do not stop until wildlife has left the area.
Wildlife sniffing area recently vacated by people/pet	Don't ignore or avoid. Make eye contact, yell, clap, make noise. Encourage wildlife to move out of area.
Wildlife entering backyard, no pet present	Aggressively face wildlife. Yell, clap, noise, move toward wildlife. Spray with a hose. Scare wildlife out of yard. Do not stop until wildlife has left.
Wildlife entering yard, pet present	Get pet inside or pick up if possible. Aggressively face wildlife-yell, clap, noise, move toward, throw items, spray with hose. Do not stop until wildlife has left. Do not injure wildlife; this can increase the chance of attack.
Wildlife "playing" with pet	Do now allow. Move pet inside or pick up if possible. Aggressively face wildlife: Yell, clap, use noisemakers, move toward, throw items. Do not stop until wildlife has left the area. Do not injure wildlife; this can increase the chance of attack.

Wildlife approaching person directly	Aggressively face wildlife: Yell, clap, use noisemakers, move toward, spray with a hose, gather other people to encourage wildlife to leave area. Do not stop until wildlife has left area. Report the incident.
Wildlife circling person/pet	Pick up pet if possible. Aggressively face wildlife: Yell, clap, noise, move toward, gather other people to encourage wildlife to leave area, throw items. Don't ignore or turn back on wildlife. Do not stop until wildlife has left. Do not injure wildlife; this can increase the chance of attack.
Wildlife biting pet	Yell, call for more people to help. Pick up pet if possible. Use an item to hit wildlife. It is possible to scare wildlife into dropping pet. There is a danger of being bitten if you are between the pet and the wildlife. Report incident.
Wildlife biting person	Yell, call for help, kick and fight—wildlife will usually flee. Seek medical attention. Report incident immediately.