Coyote Management and Response Plan

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BACKGROUND

- 150 coyote-related reports (Aug 2016-2017)
- First known coyote den in Redondo Beach (2024)
- Coyotes thrive in urban areas
- No city has effectively eliminated or reduced coyote populations





BACKGROUND

- Certain coyote-human response actions are legally prohibited
- CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife rarely allow relocation due to risks
- Captured coyotes must be released on site or euthanized within 24 hours





BACKGROUND

- Coyotes generally fear humans; attacks are rare
- LA County reports fewer than 10 coyote attacks per year; none documented in South Bay
- Only two recorded fatal coyote attacks in the U.S. and Canada
 - Only U.S. fatality occurred in 1981.



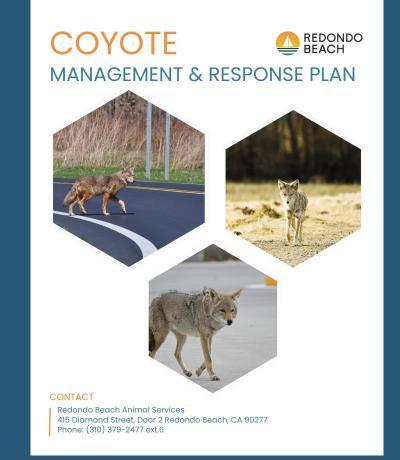


PLAN OVERVIEW

Balance wildlife preservation with public safety

Four-pronged approach:

- 1. Ensure safe community spaces
- 2. Enhance deterrence efforts
- 3. Foster public education
- 4. Actively monitoring coyote activity





COYOTE INCIDENT & RESPONSE MATRIX

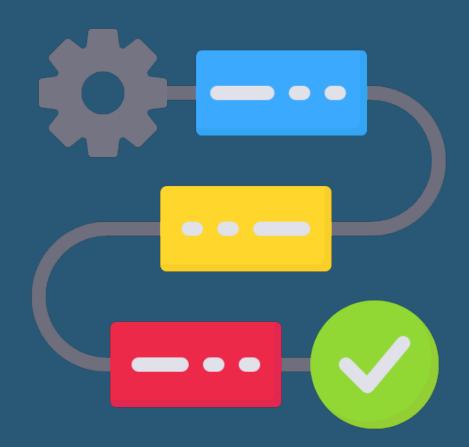
- Tiered response framework
- Response based on encounter type
- Goal to minimize interactions and ensure public safety

COYOTE BEHAVIOR	THREAT	CITY RESPONSE & ACTION	MITIGATION, RESOURCES, OR ENFORCEMENT
Heard (howling, yipping, etc.) Seen moving, or resting in public areas, distanced from people or pets Seen moving or resting in an area close to people Denning/pupping is remote from the public.	GREEN	• Monitor activity	Encourage residents to report sightings Remove attractants, if necessary Haze, if necessary Remove attractants, if necessary Install signs, if applicable Clear brush/den after denning season
Entering a private yard with no pets or people present Entering a private yard and injuring or killing an unattended pet Following or approaching a person with or without a pet (stalking or escorting) Injuring or killing an unattended, free- roaming pet or a pet on a leash longer than 6 feet Denning/pupping is in close proximity to the public.	YELLOW	Monitor activity Educate on pet safety information & yard audit checklist	Remove attractants, if necessary Haze, if necessary Enforce leash laws Enforce private property condition violations Eliminate conditions on public property that may harbor/shelter coyotes Install signs, if applicable Clear brush/den after denning season Assess other mitigations
Biting or injuring an attended pet Aggressive to a person (showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping) without contact	ORANGE	Attempt to identify and track the responsible coyote Monitor behavior and location Report incident to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife	Issue Neighborhood Watch & social media alerts Haze Consult with the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife or a coyote expert Lethal removal or capture may be considered
Biting or injuring a person	RED	Attempt to identify and track the responsible coyote Report incident to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and LA County Department of Health	 Consult with the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Lethal removal or capture is considered
Sick or injured coyote		 Animal services to remove or enlist aid in removing the coyote 	Report to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife



INTERNAL PLANNING

- Staff is developing an internal response workflow map
 - Roles and Responsibilities matrix
 - Enhancing efficiency and consistency
 - Better decision-making





CEQA EXEMPTION

- Adoption of the Coyote Management and Response Plan is exempt from CEQA
- Exemption under Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guideline





ON-CALL TRAPPING SERVICES

- Animal Services consults the CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) for necessary trapping
 - CDFW leads investigations
 - City may engage a certified trapper
- Estimated cost: \$1,500 per coyote





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC 2505-030 that formally enacts the Coyote Management and Response Plan and affirms its exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 [California Code of Regulations] CCR §§15000 et seq).
- Pursuant to the plan, direct staff to procure on-call (as needed) trapping services

