

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

MANAGEMENT & RESPONSE PLAN



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COYOTE INCIDENT & RESPONSE MATRIX

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

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

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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