



Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

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COYOTE BEHAVIOR, CLASSIFICATION, AND POLICE RESPONSE GUIDE

Report Coyote sightings to the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department at 310-378-4211

Coyote Action	Classification	Response
Coyote heard	No Sighting	Document the sighting-track activity as normal behavior
Coyote seen moving in the area	Sighting	Document the sighting-track activity as normal behavior
Coyote seen resting in the area	Sighting	Document the sighting and track activity as normal behavior
Coyote seen resting in the area w/ people present	Sighting	Document-If area frequented by people, educate on normal behavior and haze to encourage animal to leave. Look for and eliminate attractants
Coyote entering a yard w/o pets	Sighting	Document-educate on coyote attractants, yard audits, and hazing information
Coyote entering a yard with pets	Encounter	Document & track activity—educate on coyote attractants, yard audits, hazing information, and pet safety
Coyote entering a yard with people and pets, no injury	Encounter	Document & track educate on hazing techniques, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing information, and pet safety-monitor for pattern of behavior
Coyote following or approaching a person w/o pet (stalking)	Encounter	Document & track-educate on hazing techniques and what to do tips-monitor for pattern of behavior
Coyote aggressive, showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping w/o contact	Threat	Document & track-educate on hazing techniques, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing information, and pet safety-Consult with trapper
Coyote biting or injuring attended pet/pet on leash 6' or less	Pet Attack	Document & track-educate on hazing techniques, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing information, and pet safety-monitor for pattern of behavior-Consult with trapper
Coyote biting or injuring unattended pet/pet on leash longer than 6'	Pet Attack	Document & track-educate on hazing techniques, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing information, and pet safety-monitor for pattern of behavior-Consult with trapper
Coyote entering a yard and injuring/killing pet w/o people present	Pet Attack	Document & track-educate on hazing techniques, yard/neighborhood audits, hazing information, and pet safety-monitor for pattern of behavior-Consult with trapper
Coyote biting or injuring person	Human Attack	Report to California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Consult with trapper for trapping

All coyote sightings reported to the Police Department are documented to help identify patterns of behavior. In addition, all reports of non-normal coyote behavior, will result in an officer responding to the area to access the situation.