

## What Do You Do if You Encounter A Coyote?

The City of Lone Tree has many acres of natural area in which wildlife, including coyotes, live. Although most wildlife have adapted to our environment, there have been situations where coyotes have not adapted, resulting in fear among residents for the safety of their family and pets.

Lone Tree's number one priority is to protect the safety of the community. The following information is provided below to assist you and your family if and when you encounter coyotes in the City.

### Aggressive Coyotes

Aggressive coyotes are defined as those coyotes which are dangerous and attempt to hurt small children, adults, and domestic animals. If you encounter an aggressive coyote, please call 9-1-1 when the situation is occurring. The Police Department will respond, assess each situation, and take appropriate measures to protect the safety of the community.

### No Fear Coyotes

Coyotes characterized as showing "no fear" are those coyotes which are not frightened of people. These coyotes do not run away if they see or hear people, and tend to show up in your yard or porch looking for food. Citizens are requested to contact the Police Department at 303-339-8150 if they encounter this type of coyote. The Police Department will respond to all calls and obtain a report.

### Safety Tips

- **Do not feed the coyotes!** Doing so can make them less afraid of humans and potentially more dangerous.
- Protect your pets! Coyotes will attack and kill cats, dogs, and livestock.
- Do not allow your pets to roam, especially at night.
- Keep your pets on a leash when walking them.
- Keep your pets inside at night if at all possible.
- Do not leave food or water outside for your pets.
- Protect livestock, especially chickens, young calves and sheep with fencing that the coyote cannot get through.
- If you observe coyotes in the area within 10 yards, throw rocks and make loud noises, encouraging the coyote to feel threatened when around people.
- If you or your pet is confronted by a coyote, use a loud authoritative voice to frighten the coyote. Throw rocks and become as big as possible, encouraging dominance on your behalf toward the coyote.
- Parents are encouraged to tell children to treat coyotes (as well as wildlife) as they would a stranger.
- Garbage should not be kept outside, and should be placed in secured tightly sealed containers. Cans should be cleaned, regularly with a chlorine bleach and water solution.
- Keep an air horn on hand which can be used to scare away coyotes, especially prior to letting pets out in the yard, or while walking along the canal.