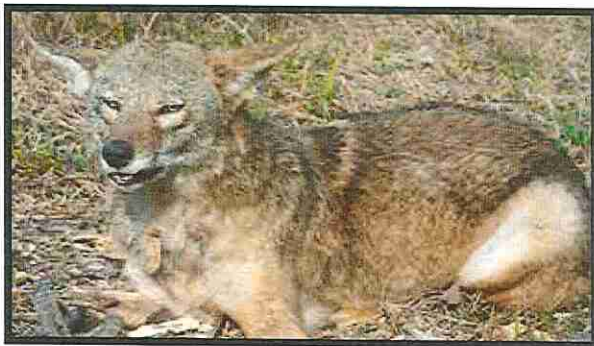


Prevent coyotes from entering your property:

- **Properly store garbage cans** with tightly secured lids. This will prevent other small animals and rodents (important food source for coyotes) from becoming attracted to it.
- **Remove any pet food, food bowls, water bowls** from the exterior of your property.
- **SUPERVISE pets at all times.** Don't allow cats to roam freely. Dogs must always be on a leash, especially in public areas.
- If you compost, do not use meat or fish scraps.
- **Do not approach or feed coyotes**

What about rabies?

- Due to their predatory nature, coyotes can be rabid. Other animals that can potentially carry rabies include raccoons, skunks, and bats.



**NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN
UNATTENDED.**

**EDUCATE AND INFORM
CHILDREN TO
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Living with Coyotes



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Coyote Facts

Coyotes are highly adaptable animals allowing them to live in cities, suburbs, rural, and agricultural areas. They provide benefits to many areas by assisting in the control of rats, mice, rabbits, and nutria. They are also known to eat fruits, birds, insects, pet food, garbage, and small pets. They are very active at dusk, at night, and early in the morning. Since they do not hibernate, they may be seen all year long. Although shy, cautious and do not like confrontation, they can be curious and experimental. By nature, they fear humans. They may be seen in packs or run alone. **Removing coyotes from one area generally results in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and breeding faster.**

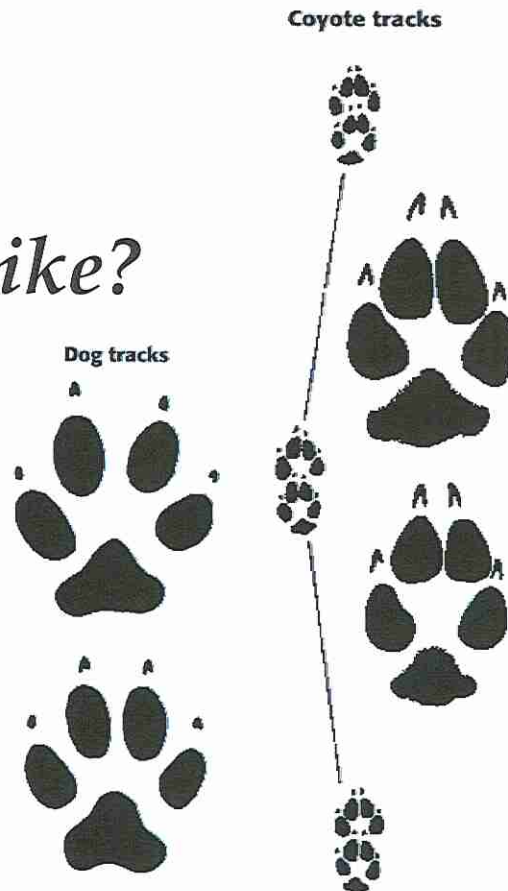
What do they look like?

Resembling dogs, they have the following features:

- Grayish-brown fur
- Drooping bushy tail
- They weigh 15-35 pounds
- Erect pointy ears
- Slender muzzle

A fed coyote is a dead coyote.

When coyotes are associated with humans, a process called habituation, they can lose their fear. Intentional feeding is a large reason why they lose fear. Well intentioned individuals must understand that feeding coyotes intentionally will lead to the death of the animal by the use of lethal control. These animals become troublesome and lose their fear of humans. No one should intentionally feed coyotes (or other wildlife).



Hazing

One method which has worked in other places to instill the coyotes' fear of humans is called **HAZING**. It is where deterrents are used to discourage an undesirable behavior or activity. With this, it helps prevent coyotes from entering areas people populate. It is successful both in the short term and long term. Examples include:

- **Yelling, clapping, and waving of hands** to scare the coyote away. Be sure not to corner the coyote or approach one with a young coyote nearby.
- **Use noisemakers** such as whistles, air horns, banging pans, soda cans filled with coins, etc.
- **Throwing objects** such as sticks, small rocks, tennis balls in the vicinity of the coyote
- **Motion activated devices** such as spotlights, strobe lights, motion activated water sprinklers are effective, especially if coupled with a noise device.

It is important to continue the hazing until the coyote leaves the vicinity.

