

Living with Coyotes

Living in Nevada, we are offered the unique opportunity to live closely with some amazing wildlife! This includes coyotes which can be found all over the state, including our backyards. Learning how to coexist with coyotes is an important job for Nevadans. Here are some tips to help you live with coyotes:



Backyard Tips:

- 🐾 Remove anything that might be attracting the coyotes or their food sources such as rodents.
 - Examples can include birdseed, pet food, trash or compost, water features, fallen fruit, excess shrubs, woodpiles, decks or other structures that can provide cover or a place to den.
- 🐾 Install devices to scare away the coyotes.
- 🐾 Fence in your yard with a fence that is over 6ft tall, you can also add “coyote rollers” to the top of the fence.
 - Coyotes can jump fences that are 7ft tall, so a fence alone will not suffice.
- 🐾 NEVER allow a coyote to become comfortable around your home, every time you see a coyote scare it away!
 - **Reminder: It’s always a good idea to change up your tactics often! **

Pet Tips:

Dog owners –

- 🐾 Supervise your dog when it is outside, especially around dawn and dusk.
 - If you must leave your dog outside, make sure you leave it in a fully enclosed dog run that has a roof.
- 🐾 When walking your dog, always keep it on a 6ft leash.
 - Avoid using extendable leashes because this limits the control you have over your pet.
- 🐾 Do not allow your dog to interact with coyotes!
 - Never allow your dog to chase or follow coyotes for any reason.

Cat owners –

- 🐾 The only way to ensure your cat’s safety is to keep them indoors or in an outdoor cat enclosure that is secure. This not only keeps your cat in, but other animals out.

What to do when you see a coyote:

- 🐾 Stand your ground, **NEVER** run from the coyote.
- 🐾 Get big and loud!
 - Wave your hands around and yell at the coyote.
 - If the animal stops and looks back, make sure to continue scaring the coyote away until they have completely left the area.
- 🐾 **NEVER** corner a coyote, always make sure they have a way to escape.

Am I in Danger?

Human and coyote conflicts are extremely rare, taking the above precautions will help limit conflicts that may arise. Learning how to interact with coyotes is also an important step in making sure Nevada and our wildlife stays wild!

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