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Be Kind to Coyotes,

Don't feed them!

Coyotes are wild animals and can pose a risk to people and pets. Here are a few guidelines for how to have a safe community for you and for the coyotes:

- Please do not approach or feed wild animals, including coyotes. It is unsafe and a violation of the law.
- Never leave small children and pets unattended outdoors even if your yard is fenced.
- Remove pet food dishes when your pet has finished eating and do not leave food outside. Pick ripe fruit and clean rotten produce off the ground.
- Walk your dog on a leash at all times, not only is it the law, but it will keep your pet safe. Do not allow your dog to interact or "play" with a coyote.
- Put all trash bags inside trash cans and keep all outdoor trash can lids securely fastened on the containers. Ammonia or pepper sprinkled in the trash may also discourage a scavenging coyote.
- Keep your property well lit at night especially when you go out with your dog for the last potty break before bed.
- Trim hedges from the bottom and keep brush cleared to limit hiding places for coyotes.
- Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds. Coyotes use such areas for resting and raising young.
- Share this information with your neighbors to keep your neighborhood safe. If you belong to a neighborhood association, call Los Angeles Animal Services to schedule an educational presentation for your next meeting.

If you have coyotes near your home, please call (888) 452-7381 for non-lethal assistance.

According to General Manager Brenda Barnette, "The goal of Los Angeles Animal Services is to educate the public fostering a relationship of mutual respect between wildlife and the community so we can live together safely".

For more information visit our website: http://www.laanimalservices.com/aboutani_wildlife.htm

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