All Front Range communities are home to coyotes. These clever canids have readily adapted to our food and habitat-rich environments. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) wants to help you avoid conflicts with coyotes in your neighborhood.

Your Pet & Coyotes

- Keep pets on a 6-foot leash when walking.
- Never allow your pets to “play” with a coyote.
- Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
- Do what you can to discourage a coyote’s approach—yell, stomp your feet, throw small rocks or sticks at it.
- Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

Questions or concerns regarding wildlife in your area? Call the DOW at 303-291-7227.

Your Home & Coyotes

- Never feed coyotes!
- Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders and fallen fruit.
- Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- Fully enclose gardens and compost piles.
- Trim up vegetation to reduce hiding places.
- Deter coyotes from entering your yard with a 6-foot privacy fence.
- Work with your neighbors to discourage coyotes in your entire community.
- If you meet a coyote, make it feel unwelcome by yelling, throwing rocks and sticks at it, spraying it with a hose or a vinegar-filled water gun, or banging pots and pans.

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Did you know?

- Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season, which occurs from February through March.
- Coyotes can be seen throughout the day, but are especially active at dawn and dusk.
- Coyotes are highly adaptable and can live and den in parks and yards.
- Coyotes may perceive other animals, including pets, as a threat, competition, or food.
- Coyotes keep watch near their dens to keep threats away from their young.
- Coyotes are curious and are known to stare at humans. They sometimes follow humans out of natural curiosity or to keep them away from their pups.