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**Community Alert:**  
**Animal Control Reports Increase in Coyote Sightings;**  
**Hazing Recommended as Best Practice to Protect Pets**

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The City of Palm Springs would like to alert the community that there has been an increase in the number of reported coyote sightings.

Coyotes are drawn to residential neighborhoods in search of food, water, shelter – and unfortunately, pets. Palm Springs Animal Control is aware of several instances where pet dogs and cats have been injured or killed by coyotes. This activity occurs throughout the city and is not isolated to or concentrated in any particular areas. While this activity is concerning for the safety of pets, it does not indicate an increased threat or danger for coyote attacks on humans.

Coyotes are naturally fearful of humans, but they can become less cautious and more brazen when they find access to food, water and pets in areas populated by people. Trapping and euthanizing coyotes have not proven to be effective options to decrease or eliminate coyote populations.

Palm Springs Animal Control recommends “coyote hazing” as the most effective practice for avoiding and discouraging coyotes. There are a wide variety of hazing options residents can use if you and your pet are approached by a coyote, including yelling and waving your arms, using whistles, air horns, bells, or homemade noisemakers, spraying a coyote with water, vinegar water or pepper spray or throwing small objects in the direction of the coyote until it leaves the area entirely. Never run from a coyote.

For additional information about coyote hazing or to request an Animal Control Officer at a neighborhood meeting, please contact Palm Springs Animal Control at (760) 323-8151.

