Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans. Help prevent human-coyote conflicts:

- If followed by a coyote, stop moving and turn around to face the coyote. Make noise/use a water gun with vinegar/throw rocks or sticks, etc. as you slowly step toward the coyote. The coyote should flee, but if the coyote does not leave, continue facing and slowly back away while making noise until the coyote leaves or you move out of sight.
- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children.
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places. You may also spray the area with vinegar, as the strong smell is a deterrent for coyotes.
- Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.
- At the PARKS, please be sure to **take your trash home** after using the grills for events. We don't want to leave dinner for the coyotes!

To learn more on human-coyote interactions, please visit: **Coyote Hazing** or reference the resources below.

Additional resources:

https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coyote-hazing

https://projectcoyote.org/coexist/

https://stanleyparkecology.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/The-Coyote-Shaker-July-2011.pdf

https://www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-police-department/coyote-information

https://www.ocpetinfo.com/education-resources/coyote-encounters

https://ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher/

If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife (562-342-7100), the law enforcement office (UCI PD: 949-824-5223) or email **coyotesighting@cityofirvine.org**.

If your animal has been taken or injured by a coyote, please contact Irvine Animal Services at 949-724-7092.