

COYOTES LIVE HERE

In most parts of Washington, there is a good chance that coyotes live in your area. Coyotes play important roles in local ecosystems, such as controlling rodent pests. With some simple steps, we can foster coexistence with coyotes and support the safety and well-being of wildlife and humans.

DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE — INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE

- Feed pets indoors and store pet food indoors.
- Keep trash and compost bins indoors until the morning of pick-up; use wildlife-resistant bins.
- Clean up food waste after picnics.
- Keep barbeque grills clean.
- Enclose compost piles, fruit trees, beehives and chicken coops with fencing.

KEEP PETS AND WILDLIFE SAFE

- **Keep pets on a leash** when they are with you outdoors to prevent potential conflicts with coyotes.
- **Keep cats indoors** unless you have an enclosed outdoor space for them, like a “catio.”
- **Keep dogs in an enclosed area**, such as a kennel, or under your supervision when outside in the yard.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE

It’s normal for coyotes to be active at any time of day or night. They will also keep a wary, watchful eye on—and may even follow—passing pets and people, particularly when mother coyotes have pups in their dens.

If you feel a coyote is getting too close to you or your pet, **humane hazing is an option**—create loud noise by clapping your hands and shouting or throw a small object in their direction to encourage the coyote to move away.

COEXISTENCE IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

These actions will be most effective if we all work together. Please collaborate with your neighbors to help your community coexist with coyotes!



Share coexistence messages with your neighbors using our Coyotes Live Here social media toolkit!

