Did You Know ...

- It's against the law to feed wild animals?
- A simple bag of garbage, bowl of pet food, or plate of leftovers can cause severe harm to wildlife?
- Coyotes are one of the most adaptable animals in the world? They can change their breeding habits, diet and social dynamics to survive in a wide variety of habitats.

Stash Your Food and Trash

If in doubt, ask your local Animal Control Officer, Fish and Game warden, park ranger, or garbage collection company.

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COYOTES

People, Coyotes, and the Environment ...

... Tips on Living with Wildlife.

Coyote Facts ...

The coyote is a member of the dog family. In size and shape the coyote is like a medium-sized collie dog, but it's tail is round and bushy and is carried straight out below the level of its back.

Only five to twenty percent of coyote pups survive their first year.

The coyote can run at almost forty miles per hour.

Coyotes can breed with both domestic dogs and wolves. A dog-coyote mix is called a "coydog".

Coyotes **establish** their territory by marking it with urine.

If a coyote bites you, report the injury to a hospital, which will notify the state department of health. You will have to get a series of rabies shots in order to prevent the disease from being transferred to you.

Do ...

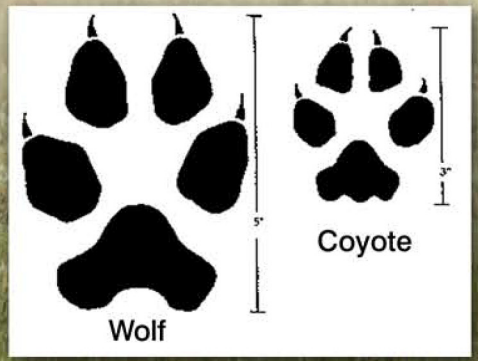
- remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.
- feed your pets indoors or pick up uneaten food as soon as your pet is finished.
- trim ground-level shrubs to reduce hiding places.
- have adequate fencing (to keep your pets in and wildlife out).
- install motion sensor lights.
- vaccinate your dog and cat for rabies.

Don't ...

- leave your children, cats or small dogs unattended.
- feed or otherwise encourage dependency on humans.
- allow your pets to run loose.
- attempt to tame a coyote.
- put trash out long before the scheduled pickup.

What to do ...

- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises to scare it away.
- If the noise do not scare it, toss small stones in the coyote's directions to scare it.
- Remain calm and call the appropriate agency if you are threatened.

Paw Prints...

The coyote has five digits (like toes) on the forefeet, including the dewclaw, and four digits on the hindfeet. The coyote is digitigrade, which means it walks with only its toes touching the ground.