

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS OF COYOTE INTERACTIONS

Active Coexistence describes humans and coyotes existing together. Communities identify open spaces where coyotes are appropriate and community members do not haze, feed, or interact with the animals while in these areas. Residents take an active role in keeping coyotes in their community wild by learning about coyote ecology and behavior, removing attractants, taking responsibility for pet safety, and hazing coyotes when necessary.

Attack means a human is injured or killed by a coyote.

Attended Pet means a cat or dog that is kept inside, a cat or dog that is in a yard accompanied by a person, a cat that is outside accompanied by a person and under the control of a leash and harness, or a dog that is outside on a leash that is less than 6 feet in length.

Encounter means an unexpected, direct meeting between a human and a coyote that is without incident.

Hazing means the immediate use of deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourage an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing techniques include making loud noises, spraying water, using bright lights, throwing objects, and shouting. Hazing maintains a coyote's fear of humans and is useful to deter them from backyards and playgrounds. When done correctly, hazing does not damage animals, humans, or property.

Intentional feeding occurs when a person or group actively and intentionally feeds coyotes. Intentional feeding includes providing food for animals in the coyote food chain.

Observation means the act of noticing coyote tracks, scat, or vocalizations.

Pet Attack means a pet is injured or killed by a coyote.

Provoked Attack means an attack or incident where the human involved encourages the coyote to engage. Examples include dog off-leash in an on-leash area, dog on leash longer than 6 feet in length, or a human intentionally approaching or feeding the coyote.

Sighting means a visual observation of a coyote or group of coyotes moving or resting. A sighting may occur during the day or at night.

Stalking Incident means an interaction between a human and a coyote where the coyote approaches or follows the person. Stalking incidents can occur while the person is with or without a pet.

Suspected Pet Attack means pet remains were found and indicate the animal was attacked by a coyote. Coyotes are opportunistic feeders and will feed on animals that were previously killed by cars or by other means. The Pasadena Humane Society, without knowledge of an actual attack, will record this as a suspected attack.

Threat Incident means an interaction between a human and a coyote where the coyote approaches and growls, bares teeth, nips but does not make contact, or lunges. A threat incident includes an interaction where a coyote injures or kills an attended pet or domestic animal.

Unattended Pet means a free-roaming cat or dog, a cat outside that is not contained in an enclosure or under the control of a leash and harness, or a dog that is off-leash or on a leash that is greater than 6 feet in length.

Unintentional Feeding occurs when a person, group, or business is unintentionally providing access to food. Unintentional feeding includes improperly managed compost, fallen or overripe fruit, improperly installed or unmaintained birdfeeders, and pet food or water left outdoors.

Unprovoked Attack means an attack or incident where the human involved does not encourage the coyote to engage.

Unsecured Trash means trash that is accessible to wildlife and includes unsecured or unmaintained garbage cans, bags of trash stored outside, trash in containers that do not have tight-fitting lids, and trash that is overflowing.