

# Coyote Hazing Guide

## Basic hazing can be performed by anyone and includes the following methods:

- ◆ Yelling and waving your arms while approaching the coyote. You can also shake a jacket, rake, broom, or umbrella over your head simultaneously. Stand your ground and make eye contact.
- ◆ Making loud noises with whistles, air horns, megaphones, slapping a newspaper, soda cans filled with pennies and blowing up and popping plastic bags, pots and pans.
- ◆ Throwing projectiles such as sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls or rubber balls in the coyote's DIRECTION, but AVOID HITTING the coyote.
- ◆ Squirting water from a hose, water gun, super soakers, or spray bottle (with vinegar water) and motion-activated sprinklers in the coyote's DIRECTION.

## Tips for Effective Coyote Hazing

- ◆ Hazing is most effective when an individual coyote is hazed by multiple people using various tools, techniques, sounds, or actions.
- ◆ The coyote being hazed must recognize that the potential threat is coming from a person. Hiding behind a bush and throwing rocks or hazing from your house or car isn't effective.
- ◆ A coyote may not respond or only run a short distance away when it is hazed for the first time. It is important to keep hazing until the coyote leaves the area. Otherwise, the coyote will learn to wait for the person to give up. Inconsistent hazing will create a coyote resistant to hazing instead of reinforcing "people are scary."
- ◆ A group of coyotes should be hazed the same way as a single coyote. A dominant coyote will respond first, and once it runs away, the others will follow.
- ◆ Hazing efforts should be exaggerated at the beginning of a hazing program, and less effort will be needed as the coyotes learn to avoid people and neighborhoods. Coyotes learn quickly, and their family members will emulate their behavior throughout the local coyote population.
- ◆ Certain levels of hazing must be maintained to prevent coyotes from learning or returning to unacceptable behaviors.
- ◆ Identifying and removing coyote attractants in conjunction with hazing will be more effective.

## DON'Ts

- ◆ Do not haze sick or injured coyotes. Call the Animal Shelter at (361) 749-5941.
- ◆ Do not ignore a coyote; it creates habituation and negates the positive effects of hazing.
- ◆ Do not run from a coyote; it can initiate a chasing instinct.
- ◆ Do not corner a coyote or chase it towards traffic or another person.