

The Law: All wildlife, including coyotes and foxes, are protected by local, state, and federal regulations. It is unlawful to keep indigenous animals as pets or to harm them maliciously.



Living with Coyotes/Foxes

Humane solutions to living in coexistence with coyotes and foxes



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**Description:**

Both coyotes and foxes are very intelligent, strong members of the canid family. Foxes are typically red or grey with a white tipped tail. Coyotes have similar builds to foxes but are dark to light grey with a black tipped tail.

Length: 28-36 inches

Weight: 15-40 lbs

Habitat:

Both foxes and coyotes can be found in urban, grassland, or foothill habitats.

Food:

Both are omnivores and often eat grubs, crustaceans, fruit, rodents, and eggs.

Problems Associated with Coyotes and Foxes:

Foxes and Coyotes have adapted to live in very close proximity with human developments and often get into dog doors, garages, and yards. They have also been known to den under decks and attack pets that have been left outdoors such as cats and chickens.

Solutions:

HABITAT MODIFICATION- Control of foxes and coyotes requires awareness and sensitivity to potential problems before they get out of hand. Making a practice of feeding pets indoors, cleaning up around bird feeders, and removing water sources, such as dog dishes, can all deter these animals from visiting your property. These practices essentially remove any water and food sources for the animals which causes them to move on. Using lattice to block off decks and locking dog doors are also very useful for keeping them out. Reinforcing chicken coops, building fences that are more than 6' tall and 1' deep, and keeping pets inside or enclosed are also recommended.

REPELLENTS- Several mammal repellents can be found at local hardware stores. These repellents often come in both granules and liquid form and can be useful against keeping these animals out of gardens, porches, and garages. Simply apply the repellent in a line around wherever you do not want the fox or coyote to be. These must be reapplied when it rains or snows and will keep all mammals away from the area including pets such as dogs and cats.

FRIGHTENING- Often coyotes and foxes can be evicted from under porches and yards by using motion detecting flood lights, radios, or automatic noise makers. If using a radio, turn it to a talk show station and turn the volume to normal talking levels. Place it under the deck or porch to create a loud, uncomfortable area and the animals will move on. Rags soaked in ammonia can also be placed in somewhat enclosed areas too to help evict the animals. Always make sure the animal has an escape route available before starting eviction.