

Minutes of Meeting of POWS (People of Wekiwa Springs)

Date: 11/07/2023

Time: 6:30 pm (Leader's Meeting)

Location: Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church, 584 N Wekiwa Springs Rd, Apopka, FL 32712

Attending: Sue Henesey, Debbie Stevens, Bob Samson, Richard Lippert, and others (electronic record maintained)

Agendas Attached

Future agendas will include HOA speakers only if there is a topic of interest.

Focus on continuing fundraising and sponsorships.

The topics for future meetings will branch out beyond the county's speakers. A form for collecting ideas will be added to the website.

The QR code for both new members and monthly attendance is now on the agenda.

Print sales continue to be an issue. Richard Lippert prepared a flyer (attached) to promote sales.

Bylaws should be added as a link to the new POWS website. The website is: wekiwa-springs.com

Note: The new email for the group is info@wekiwa-springs.com and the new phone number is 800-254-2238

Richard Lippert reviewed the financial reports (attached).

The Committee named "Social Media" has changed to "Media."

7:05 pm (General POWS Meeting)

The invocation was given by Bob Samson. The pledge was given by Debbie Stevens.

Bob Samson read the minutes from the 9/5/2023 Meeting.

The next meeting is December 5th. It is the Christmas/Social gathering.

Richard Lippert read pertinent information from the financial report (attached).

Bear Warriors United, Katrina Shadax spoke on living with bears. With approximately 1,000 bears in our area, her organization offers free garbage can locks and numerous suggestions on how to avoid conflicts with bears. Email: bearwarriorsunited@gmail.com, 407.702.3576

Judging on corridors was held last Saturday with the winner to be announced November 16th at 6:00 pm, Clay Springs Elementary.

Planning for the potluck on December 5th is online at Wekiwa-springs.com

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Bob Samson, Secretary



People of Wekiwa Springs

Board Meeting

November 7, 2023

6:30 – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Sue Henesy

Board Reports

President

Sue Henesy

Discussion of Member's Roles and focusing on those roles for 2024

Vice President

Debby Stevens

Secretary

Bob Samson

Treasurer

Richard Lippert

Committee Reports

COY/Cleanups

Jeff Engelbrecht

Social Media

Gale Hoover-Richmond

Old Business

Ideas for Sponsorship growth: Various Board members

New Business

December Meeting Agenda Planning

Orange County Speaker for future meetings? Who do we want for 2024?

Local Business Focus and Speakers for future meetings?

Adjournment

Sue Henesy

POWS Agenda for 11/07/2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM



New Member Registration



November Attendance

Call to Order

Sue Henesy, President

Prayer

Bob Samson, Secretary

Pledge

Debbie Stevens

Reading of minutes from 10/10/23

Bob Samson

Financial Report

Richard Lippert, Treasurer

President's Report

Sue Henesy

Christmas/Holiday Gathering Meeting (December 5, 2023)

Planning for 2024 Meetings (What do you want to see and hear)

Recognition of Laura and Alfonzo

New Membership Ideas

Debbie Mills, Membership Chair

Bear Warriors United [15 minutes]

Speaker: Katrina Shadax

COY Discussion

Jeff Engelbrecht, Cleanup Chair

Discussion of Pros/Cons of 2023 Votaw Effort

Print and Shirt Sales Announcement

Richard Lippert

Invitation for Clay Springs November 16th 6:00 pm Corridor of the Year announcement

Announcements

Sue Henesy

Google Form for nominations for board positions

Adjournment

Sue Henesy

NOTE: January 2, 2024, will be the POWS Annual Meeting, including the election of Officers (mark your calendars)

1. Financials

A. Current Banking Overview YTD (2023-03-01 to 2023-10-06)

- Beginning Balance 2023-03-01
 - \$ 665.00 Total
 - \$ 660.00 Checking / \$ 5.00 Savings
- Total Income YTD
 - \$ 3,209.72
- Total Interest YTD
 - \$ 0.01
- Total Cash Expenses YTD
 - \$ 2,483.78
- Total Service Fees YTD
 - \$ 83.00
- Ending Balance 2023-10-06
 - \$ 642.95 Total
 - \$ 447.94 Checking / \$ 195.01 Savings
- Outstanding Checks/Unpaid Bills YTD
 - \$ 90.37
- **Available Reserves**
 - **\$ 552.58 Total**
 - **\$ 357.57 Checking / \$ 195.01**

B. Current Donations / Gifts in Kind / Volunteer Hours (2023-10-10 to 2023-11-06)

- Clean-up Supplies Votaw Project
 - \$ 220.00 - Chlorine, Spray Pumps, Buckets (POWS Members, Pinch-a-Penny)
 - \$ 580.00 - 600 Gallons of Water & Pressure Washing (Kirby Outdoor Services)
- 2-Year URL Domain Registration & Protection (Orlando Web Concepts)
 - \$ 56.00
- 1-Year Hosting Toll-Free Telephone Number / Answering Service (800-254-2238) (I/O Trak, Inc.)
 - \$ 60.00
- 147 Volunteer Hours

- 3 Events
- 14 Individuals and 1 Group
- Value at \$ 15 per hour = \$ 2,205.00
- **Total Monthly Donations / Gifts in Kind / Volunteer Hour Value**
 - **\$ 3,123.00**
 - **\$ 3,005.00 Votaw Project / \$ 118.00 POWS Infrastructure Enhancements**

C. Current Financial Position

- Positive cash flow
- Growing influx of donations, gifts in kind, and volunteer participation

2. Action Planning

- Complete Categorization of Expenses
- Prepare a More Complete Current Donations / Gifts in Kind / Volunteer Hours Accounting Methodology for Integration in 2024
- Continue to Explore
 - Cost Saving Opportunities
 - Income Generating Ideas
- Future Financial Planning - Community Improvement Project Budgeting Initiative

Respectfully Submitted By:

Richard Lippert
 People of Wekiwa Springs Association, Inc.
 Treasurer

Submitted On:

November 7, 2023

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from all of us at The People of Wekiwa Springs Association!



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PEOPLE OF
WEKIWA SPRINGS



GOT BEARS? I CAN HELP!

AVOID ATTRACTING BEARS

- Garbage, pet foods, barbeque grills and anything that smells like food attracts bears.
- Don't leave your garbage can outside! Store trash and recyclables in bear-resistant containers or in a secure area until morning pick-up.
- Feed pets inside or bring in bowls after pet is finished eating.
- Remove bird and wildlife feeders. Store pet or livestock feed indoors or in bear-resistant containers.
- Protect your garden, compost pile or livestock with electric fencing.
- Clean meat smokers and grills with bleach or a degreasing agent.
- If bears are rewarded with food (garbage, pet food, etc.) at your home, bears will keep coming back!
- Fed bears frequently cause property damage.
- Fed bears can be unfairly labeled as nuisances and are subsequently killed by the wildlife agency.
- While walking your dog, jogging or walking to bus stops, take a noise maker, like a whistle or a can of pennies.
- Buy a bear-proof trash can or retrofit a bear-resistant strap to your existing trashcan. For retrofitting instructions: <https://youtu.be/P7aneHEEr6A>

IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

- Remain calm. DO NOT run or play dead, Back away slowly and speak in a calm assertive voice.
- Make sure that you are in a safe area and that the bear has an escape route, then make noise to scare the bear away.
- It is illegal to feed, harm or kill bears in Florida.

THANK YOU

Thank you beary much for taking the steps to peacefully coexist with Florida's native wildlife!



Please call, text or email to receive a bear care package, which includes 'Peacefully Co-Existing with Bears' brochure, bear whistle & 4 bear strap to retrofit onto your existing trashcan.

Bear Warriors United...saving bear lives and taxpayer dollars since 2016

Bear Warriors United

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YOUR RIGHT TO GROW NATIVE IS FLORIDA LAW

FL STATUTE 313.185

LOCAL FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING ORDINANCES.-

- (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM:
- (A) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY OF THE STATE
 - (B) "FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING" MEANS QUALITY LANDSCAPES THAT CONSERVE WATER, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, ARE ADAPTABLE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND ARE DROUGHT TOLERANT. THE PRINCIPLES OF SUCH LANDSCAPING INCLUDE PLANTING THE RIGHT PLANT IN THE RIGHT PLACE, EFFICIENT WATERING, APPROPRIATE FERTILIZATION, MULCHING, ATTRACTION OF WILDLIFE, RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF YARD PESTS, RECYCLING YARD WASTE, REDUCTION OF STORMWATER RUNOFF, AND WATERFRONT PROTECTION. ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS INCLUDE PRACTICES SUCH AS LANDSCAPE PLANNING AND DESIGN, SOIL ANALYSIS, THE APPROPRIATE USE OF SOLID WASTE COMPOST, MINIMIZING THE USE OF IRRIGATION, AND PROPER MAINTENANCE
 - (3)(A) THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT THE USE OF FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING AND OTHER WATER USE AND POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES TO CONSERVE OR PROTECT THE STATE'S WATER RESOURCES SERVES A COMPELLING PUBLIC INTEREST AND THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE STATE'S EFFORTS IN WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND RESTORATION.
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GARDENING FOR NATURE

SHARE YOUR YARD WITH
BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, AND BEES

"IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT MUCH OF OUR WILDLIFE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE UNLESS FOOD, SHELTER, AND NEST SITES CAN BE FOUND IN SUBURBAN HABITATS. AND BECAUSE IT IS WE WHO DECIDE WHICH PLANTS WILL GROW IN OUR GARDENS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR NATION'S BIODIVERSITY LIES Largely WITH US. WHICH ANIMALS WILL MAKE IT AND WHICH WILL NOT? WE HELP MAKE THIS DECISION EVERY TIME WE PLANT OR REMOVE SOMETHING FROM OUR YARDS." DOUGLAS TALLAMT



TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

LIGHTS INTERFERE WITH BIRD MIGRATION, SEA TURTLE HATCHLINGS, AND THE NATURAL CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS OF MANY INSECTS AND ANIMALS

USE WARMER COLORED LIGHTING

CLOSE BLINDS AT NIGHT

USE MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS

VERICOLOR
POLYPHYMUS MOTH
ECHO MOTH
FLORIDA PERN MOTH
PYRACOTOMENA BOREALIS

SHRINK YOUR LAWN

DEAD ZONE, NO HABITAT VALUE

COSTS MONEY TO MOW, WATER & MAINTAIN

USE NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS TO GROW A

TAPESTRY

STORACCOYFEE UMBELLATA
DICHONDEA CAROLINENSIS
MINOESA SPINULOSA
CYRINUM AMERICANUM
SALVIA NIGELLA
PHYLLOSTACHYA
PHYLLOSTACHYA
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**Secure Trash
Leash Dogs
Close Garage Doors
Plant Bear Food Gardens**



**Welcome to the
NeighBEARhood
Watch
Community**

Thank you for taking steps to peacefully and responsibly coexist with native wildlife. Tragically, sprawl development deforestation is rampant in Florida and destroying bear habitat at an unsustainable rate, forcing bears to find nourishment in our unsecured trash cans.

Help restore wildlife habitat and give bears a healthy food source by planting bear food gardens. Email me for a list of native bear food plants and tips on gardening for nature.

Please be sure to watch our YouTube video on properly retrofitting your trash can with BWU's bear straps:

<https://youtu.be/UQtNKiNi7gw>

*Beary Sincerely,
Katrina Shadix, Executive Director
[BearWarriorsUnited@gmail.com](mailto: BearWarriorsUnited@gmail.com)*

HOW TO HELP

IF YOU SEE AN INJURED OR DEAD BEAR,
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FL FISH AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) DISPATCH
1-888-404-3922

AND

KATRINA SHADIX 407-702-3576

FWC LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FWC WILL HELP RESTORE AND CONSERVE
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND
MYFWC.COM/LAP

FOR BEAR RESISTANT TRASH BINS,
GO TO BEARICUDA.COM

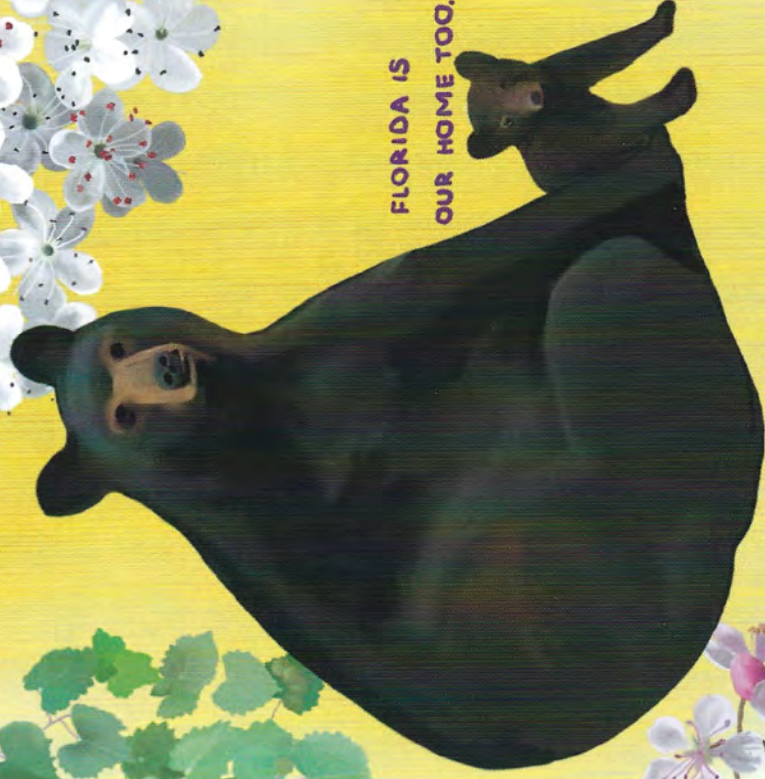
FOR FREE BEAR STRAPS TO SECURE EXISTING
TRASH CANS, EMAIL YOUR REQUEST
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MAKE SURE YOUR NEIGHBARS KNOW TO
SECURE THEIR TRASH AND PEACEFULLY COEXIST
THANK YOU BEARY MUCH!

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PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH THE

FLORIDA BLACK BEAR



FLORIDA IS
OUR HOME TOO...



HOW TO BE A
GOOD NEIGHBEAR

IN LATE SUMMER AND FALL, BEAR
APPETITES INCREASE FROM 5,000 TO
20,000 CALORIES A DAY! THIS IS CALLED
HYPERPHAGIA

HUNGRY BEARS EMERGE FROM DENS IN
SPRING. THIS IS WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO...

SECURE YOUR TRASH

RETROFIT YOUR
EXISTING TRASH
CAN WITH OUR
BEAR STRAPS
-OR-
PURCHASE A
BEAR RESISTANT
TRASH CAN



KEEP TRASH
BINS IN THE
GARAGE
WITH GARAGE
DOORS CLOSED

BEARS NEED HABITAT

DEVELOPMENT IS DEADLY

HABITAT LOSS FORCES BEARS INTO
NEIGHBORHOODS, WHERE THEY ARE OFTEN
TRAPPED AND KILLED FOR BEING UNFAIRLY
LABELED AS 'NUISANCES.'



DOES YOUR COUNTY
HAVE A LAND
ACQUISITION PROGRAM?



NO BEAR HUNT



KILLING IS NOT CONSERVATION

FWC ESTIMATES THERE ARE ONLY 4,050 BLACK BEARS LIVING IN FLORIDA

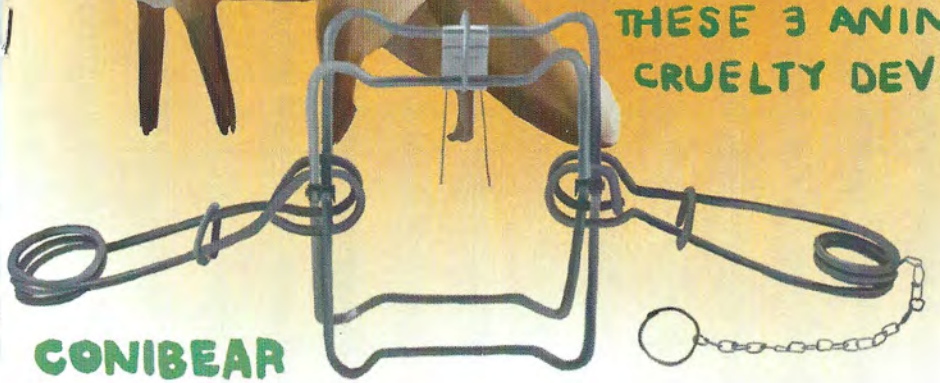


STEEL JAW

TRASH THE TRAPS



BEAR WARRIORS UNITED IS WORKING HARD TO BAN THE USE OF THESE 3 ANIMAL CRUELTY DEVICES





OAK ACORNS

WHAT DO BEARS EAT IN THE WILD?



BLACK CHERRY

SAW PALMETTO HEARTS & BERRIES



GALLBERRY



DAHOON HOLLY

RESTORE WILDLIFE HABITAT BY PLANTING A NATIVE BEAR FOOD GARDEN



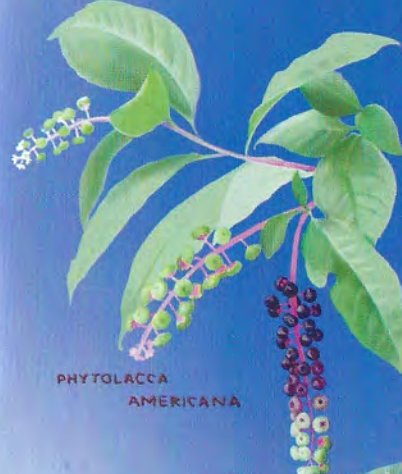
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VACCINIUM BARROWII



SAMBUCUS NIGRA



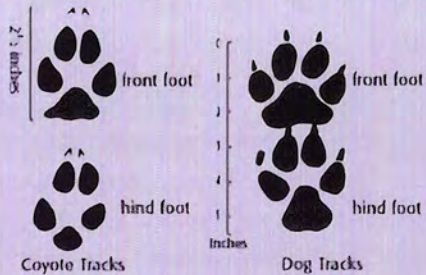
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IF YOU LIVE IN BEAR COUNTRY, PLEASE GROW FOOD THAT IS NATIVE TO YOUR ECOSYSTEM.

BEAR FAST FACTS

- 🐻 Bears in Florida numbered as few as 300 in the 1970's. Today there are less than 3,500 struggling to survive deforestation, urban sprawl, vehicle strikes, attacks from hunting dogs and poaching.
- 🐻 Adult black bears typically weigh between 150 to 400 lbs.
- 🐻 From the age of 3 years, female bears usually have one to three cubs every two years.
- 🐻 Breeding season runs from June to August, and cubs are born in late January or early February.
- 🐻 Bears have a superior sense of smell.
- 🐻 80% of the black bear diet includes fruits, nuts and berries; 15% insects; and 5% meat such as opossums, armadillos and carrion.

COYOTE FAST FACTS



- 🐻 Coyotes live throughout Florida and in every state but Hawaii.
- 🐻 They weigh 15-30 pounds. The males are slightly larger than the females.
- 🐻 Coyotes eat whatever is available, including fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, rodents, garbage, pet food, domestic cats and small dogs.
- 🐻 They breed every year with 2 to 12 pups per litter. Pups are raised in a den.
- 🐻 Removing coyotes from one area can result in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and producing more pups per litter.



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For instructions on retrofitting
trash cans with bear-resistant latches
visit:

<https://youtu.be/P7aneHEEr6A>



**PEACEFULLY
COEXIST WITH
FLORIDA'S
NATIVE
WILDLIFE**



THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PEACEFULLY COEXIST

➤ Black bears and coyotes are most commonly attracted to neighborhoods by unsecure garbage, pet food, and bird seed. Most interactions can be reduced by retrofitting your existing trash can with bear resistant latches or by purchasing a bear proof trash can. Minimize the time pet food and bird seed are outside and keep those foods secure. Keep your trash cans in the garage and keep the garage doors closed down.

➤ Coyotes in urban areas are attracted by free roaming pets. Interactions can be resolved by keeping cats and other small animals indoors.

➤ Bear spray can be used to deter a bear if you encounter one at close range (within 30 ft). This highly-effective product can be found online or through most outdoor product suppliers.

➤ Consider walking your pet on a non-retractable leash which allows better control of your pet in the event of an encounter.

➤ Bears and coyotes are most active at night and during dusk and dawn.



In the event of a pet treeing a bear, call your pet inside to a safe and secure area, allowing the bear time to retreat.

➤ Store pet feed inside a secure structure such as a shed or barn.

➤ Avoid leaving pet food or dishes outside overnight

➤ Tethered pets should be able to move a safe distance away from their food bowl.

➤ Outdoor pens should be high enough or have a roof to keep wildlife out and have a skirt that extends outward, underground to prevent digging under the fence.

➤ Keep areas around outside pens and enclosures well mowed to reduce cover.

➤ Before letting pets outside at night, make noise and flash lights to startle other wildlife that could be in the yard.

➤ Install motion detector lights around your property.



Sturdy wooden hutches are the most reliable form of protection for outdoor small animal enclosures such as rabbits and guinea pigs. Securely attach a side of the cage to a permanent structure to prevent the hutch from falling over. Secure doors with locks, keep top covered and secured. In bear country, add an electric fence for further protection.

➤ While walking your pet, bring noise makers. Making noise will alert wildlife to your presence and allow time for him/her to move away from you and your pet.

➤ If contact occurs between your pet and wildlife, do not try to physically separate your pet and the animal. Retreat to a safe place; if possible, spray the animal with bear spray or a water hose and make loud noises to try to break up the contact.

➤ Hazing is an effective way to encourage wildlife to stay away from people. Making noise with your voice, a whistle, an air or car horn, pots and pans, or a can full of pennies are recommended techniques.



Protect your pets with an electric fencing enclosure. Check often to ensure that the fence is functioning properly.

For More Resources on Electric Fencing:

<http://MyFWC.com/Media/1333878/ElectricFence.pdf>

HAZING TIPS

- **Stand your ground.** Make eye contact. Advance toward the coyote with your hazing tools if there is hesitation on the part of the coyote. Haze until the coyote retreats. Allow room for the coyote(s) to escape.
- **Make sure the coyote is focused on you** as the source of danger or discomfort. Do not haze from buildings or your car where the coyote can't see you clearly.
- **If you see more than one coyote, continue** your hazing efforts; multiple animals will most likely respond to the same hazing techniques at the same time.
- **Make it multisensory.** Use tools that scare with sound, light & motion.
- **Variety is essential.** Coyotes can learn to recognize and avoid individual people, so the more often a coyote has a negative experience with various hazing tools and different people, the faster he will change his behavior to avoid human contact.
- **Hazing should be exaggerated, assertive, and consistent.** Communities should always maintain some level of hazing using a variety of tools so that coyotes do not return to unacceptable behavior over time.
- **Coyotes have routine habits.** Make note on when and where you encounter them. Ask neighbors in those areas to help you scare the coyote, or avoid those areas.
- **Think prevention first!** Coyote pups begin coming out of dens in the early summer and parents are very protective. Keep pets close and don't let them roam.

COMMON COYOTE RESPONSES

- **Being startled and running off.**
- **Freezing and staring at the hazer.** Keep hazing and increasing the intensity of your efforts.
- **Running/walking off a short distance, stopping, then looking back.** The coyote is unsure if the hazing is directed at him. Keep hazing until he gets your message to leave.

Living safely and comfortably with coyotes isn't difficult. Removing attractants (and asking your neighbors to do the same), and knowing when and how to scare a coyote gives you an effective and non-lethal tool for comfortably coexisting with our urban wildlife. With this field guide in hand, you can take advantage of the many benefits that a coyote provides, including free and healthy rodent control. Coyotes can make good neighbors!

Share this guide! Coexistence between people & their domestic animals and coyotes is an active process that requires community involvement.



Coyote Hazing Field Guide: What-When-How

Helping coyotes be good neighbors

“Coyotes are naturally timid animals. Hazing is an effective method for keeping coyotes wild and wary.”

-Dr. Paul Paquet, Scientific Advisory Board, Project Coyote

“Knowledge conquers fear. Learning to haze empowers people and saves coyote lives.”

-John Maguranis, Belmont, Massachusetts Animal Control Officer & Project Coyote MA Representative

“Coyotes are keenly intelligent, adaptable and resourceful animals deserving of respect and appreciation.”

-Camilla H. Fox, Executive Director, Project Coyote

For more information about coyotes and to help your community enact a coyote coexistence plan:

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ProjectCoyote.org

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Larkspur, CA 94977
info@ProjectCoyote.org

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COYOTE HAZING FIELD GUIDE





WHAT

Coyotes are common throughout North America, including urban areas. You may see and hear them more during mating season (Dec.-Feb.) and when juveniles are dispersing from family groups (Sept.-Nov.). Living safely with wildlife is easy when you know how.

This field guide teaches you about “hazing,” a powerful tool for keeping coyotes at a distance by reinforcing the coyote’s natural wariness of people. Discover what hazing is, when and how to do it, and how to avoid common mistakes. Keeping coyotes wild and wary is the key to successful coexistence.

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“Coyotes have much to teach us about peaceful coexistence & this is largely about altering human behavior and better understanding coyote behavior.”

—Dr. Marc Bekoff, Scientific Advisory Board member,
Project Coyote

What is “hazing?”

Hazing simply means scaring a coyote away from you, your yard, or your neighborhood. Coyotes are members of the dog family, and just as we train our dogs to adopt good behavior, we can reinforce a coyote’s natural instinct to avoid people without harming them.

WHEN

- **Don’t haze...** if you think the coyote is sick or injured. Call your local wildlife rehabilitation center or animal control/services office.
- **Don’t haze...** if it is March through July, and you are in a park or open space and think you could be near a coyote den, or if you think that pups could be present. Allow them breathing room to raise and protect their new families. Be aware that you may encounter a coyote who is trying to haze **you** away from his den by acting anxious and/or assertive. He may attempt to escort you to a safe distance by hunching his back and walking towards you, or by vocalizing (barking or “huffing”). Please leash dogs and pick up small pets and leave the area calmly. Do not run.
- **Don’t haze...** if the coyote is at a comfortable distance from you. Seeing a coyote at a distance is no cause for alarm. They have adapted to urban environments and may be seen during the day and at night.

When should I haze?

Haze if a coyote approaches you in a park or in a neighborhood, or if you see a coyote who is comfortable walking your street or visiting yards. Be consistent and persistent: haze every time you see this too-close-for-comfort behavior. Do not stop until the coyote has left the area or you risk teaching the coyote that your hazing behavior is “normal,” and is nothing to be concerned about.

HOW

Hazing can be as simple as removing attractants (passive) or asserting yourself by yelling and waving your arms above your head as you walk toward a coyote (active). The aim is not to harm or harass the coyote.

Passive hazing involves removing attractants to create less welcoming habitats for animals. Examples include using motion activated lights or sprinklers, not feeding pets outside, cleaning around bird feeders and BBQs, and thinning vegetation where coyotes may den. **Active hazing** involves reacting to the inappropriate presence of a coyote so that he is frightened or startled and leaves the area. The response to your efforts may vary depending on the individual. Be persistent until the coyote “gets it.”

Hazing Tools:

Noise makers: your loud voice, whistles, bells, pots, pan lids, shaker cans (soda can filled with pennies & wrapped with aluminum foil), slapping a newspaper

Surprises: pop-up umbrella, motion-activated lights or sprinklers, garden hose, supersoaker spray gun filled with vinegar water

Common coyote responses ➤
(on back)

How should I haze?

Begin by acting “Big, Bad, and Loud.” Make and maintain eye contact. Wave your arms, a stick or jacket over your head; jump up and down, yell, or throw objects toward, not at, the coyote. The more dominant you act, the better the coyote will get the message that you are something to be afraid of! Keep at it until the coyote leaves.