

# Wildlife/Coyote Management Plan

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# Pasadena Humane Wildlife Department

- We take in thousands of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals every year.
- We help get wildlife healthy for release or transfer to specialized facilities.
- Public Education
- Wildlife Helpline (626) 344-1129
- **\*\*New\*\*** Wildlife Exclusion Program





# What is Urban Wildlife?

- Wild animals that have adapted to live in human-dominated areas
- Our neighborhoods are their habitat. They are born and raised here!



# What is a Wildlife Management Plan?

- A document for humanely and effectively preventing and solving conflicts among wildlife, people and companion animals.
- Provides guidance for city staff when dealing with wildlife in the city including tired responses. City staff can utilize this plan to provide public education to the community for topics related to human-wildlife interactions.



# Legal standing

Guidelines and provisions of the plan would not supersede federal, state and county regulations and policies, as applicable. Furthermore, the provisions of this plan do not apply to residents, businesses, or homeowner associations in pursuit of their legal rights in dealing with wildlife.



# Example Wildlife Management Plans

[Pasadena \(Urban Wildlife\)](#)

[Sierra Madre \(Urban Wildlife\)](#)

[SGVCOG \(Coyote\)](#)

[Calabasas \(Coyote\)](#)

[Ventura County \(Coyote\)](#)

[Montebello \(Coyote\)](#)<sup>^</sup>

[Carson \(Coyote\)](#)<sup>\*</sup>

[Davis \(Coyote, Wild Turkey\)](#)

[Superior, CO \(Coyote\)](#)<sup>^</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>[HSUS Template](#)

<sup>^</sup>Project Coyote Template



# Breakdown of Plans

1. **Introduction/Executive Summary**
  - a. **Approach**
  - b. **Limitations/Difficulties**
  - c. **Legal Considerations/Regulations**
  - d. **Goals**
2. **Species Overview**
  - a. **Natural History**
  - b. **Local History**
  - c. **Hazing and Humane Exclusion Strategies**
  - d. **Human Impact**
3. **Management Strategy**
  - a. **Education and Outreach**
  - b. **Tiered Response Plan (including detailed definitions)**
4. **Appendices**



# Humane Society of the United States Template



This Coyote Management and Coexistence Plan is based on scientific research, a thorough understanding of coyote ecology and biology in urban settings, and the best known management practices and management tools. This plan is guided by the following basic principles:





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1. Human safety is a priority in managing human-coyote interactions.
2. Coyotes serve an important role in ecosystems by helping to control the population of rodents, Canada geese, rabbits and other urban mammals.
3. Preventive practices such as reduction and removal of food attractants, habitat modification and responding appropriately when interacting with wildlife are key to minimizing potential interactions with coyotes.
4. Solutions for coyote conflicts must address both problematic coyote behaviors (such as aggression towards people and attacks on pets) and the problematic human behaviors (intentionally or unintentionally feeding coyotes and letting pets outside unattended) that contribute to conflicts.
5. Non-selective coyote removal programs are ineffective for reducing coyote population sizes or preventing human-coyote conflicts.
6. A community-wide program that involves residents is necessary for achieving coexistence among people, coyotes and pets.



# Project Coyote Resources

## *Coyote Friendly Community™* program

- Focus on education, communication, science, and behavior modification
- Adopted by many jurisdictions, emphasizes consistent messaging, agency collaboration, and community empowerment
- Project Coyote Representatives give direct assistance
  - Public presentations, training to law enforcement agencies.
- [Downloadable collateral](#) in multiple languages



# CDFW Wildlife Watch



- This program model supports local agencies, community leaders, and community groups to develop integrated wildlife management plans and sustainable solutions to human-wildlife conflicts.
- Training and support by Fish and Wildlife Staff and volunteers
- Regular meetings with other local agencies and CDFW
- Provides conservation coaching on two levels — local agencies and community groups.



# Wildlife Watch for Local Agencies

- Identify a Wildlife Watch coordinator at the city or county level.
- Develop an integrated wildlife management plan.
- Standardize policies, protocol, and procedures.
- Identify each department role to implement the plan (e.g., animal services, public safety, public works, parks and recreation departments).
- Identify an appropriate outreach and education strategy to support the plan.
- The municipality agrees to have one person represented from each agency or division. The goal is for each representative to understand their role and responsibility and key aspects of the plan.





Questions?

