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INCREASED COYOTE SIGHTINGS AT AYALA PARK

Chino, CA – Ayala Park has recently experienced an increase in coyote sightings, with staff and visitors observing them at various times throughout the day. Park staff have noted that the coyotes are not confined to one particular area and have been observed all over the park, including by the Ayala Park Operations Center, soccer fields, and playgrounds. To date, there have been no instances of coyotes displaying directly aggressive behavior towards humans.

Coyotes are a significant part of our ecosystem, playing an essential role in controlling rodent populations. They are generally afraid of humans and will keep their distance unless provoked or attracted by food sources.

The Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS) urges park visitors and nearby residents to exercise caution and follow these guidelines to keep coyotes away:

1. Control food resources in your yard: Avoid leaving pet food outside and limit the use of birdseed, as they attract the animals that coyotes prey upon.
2. Keep yards trimmed and clear of excess brush and woodpiles that may serve as housing for predators or prey.
3. Make use of deterrents such as outdoor lights, radio, and noise to discourage coyotes from approaching.
4. Always keep pets on a leash, especially at night when wildlife is most active.

In the event of a coyote encounter, park visitors are advised to make the animal feel uncomfortable to scare it off. This can be achieved by making loud noises, throwing pebbles, jumping around, or spraying water. However, under no circumstances should you turn your back and run from any wild animal. Instead, leave the area calmly, backing away while keeping the animal in sight.

We understand the presence of coyotes may cause concern and we are committed to maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all park users. City staff, together with IVHS, continue to monitor the situation and appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation.

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If you have any concerns or spot a coyote, please report the sighting to the Ayala Park Operations Center at 909-334-3257. Report unusual wildlife encounters to the Inland Valley Humane Society at (909) 623-9777.

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