



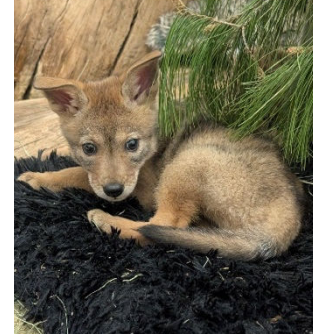
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San Diego Humane Society Encourages Community to Coexist with Wildlife During Coyote Awareness Week

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is recognizing Coyote Awareness Week by encouraging residents to learn more about the role coyotes play in the ecosystem and how communities can safely coexist with these wild neighbors. Established by [Project Coyote](#), this week is perfectly timed to coincide with coyote mating and pupping season (March-May), when coyotes are more active in foraging for food and can be more visible to humans.

Coyotes are a natural and important part of San Diego County’s ecosystem. As adaptable predators, they help maintain ecological balance by controlling rodent populations, limiting disease transmission and removing carrion from the environment.



San Diego Humane Society’s Project Wildlife cared for 107 injured, ill or orphaned coyotes in 2025 and has already treated 19 since Jan. 1. “As our communities grow and expand into wildlife habitat, encounters with coyotes can become more common,” said Autumn Welch, Wildlife Operations Manager at San Diego Humane Society’s Ramona Wildlife Center. “Understanding their behavior and taking simple precautions can help keep both people and wildlife safe.”

San Diego Humane Society encourages residents to take the following steps to reduce conflicts with coyotes:

- 1. Protect your pets:** Walk dogs on a leash and supervise pets when they’re outside.
- 2. Remove attractants:** Secure trash, bring pet food and water indoors and pick up any fallen fruit or birdseed.
- 3. Practice humane hazing:** If you see a coyote behaving boldly, stand tall, wave your arms, make noise and encourage them to move along.

Coyotes generally avoid people but may become more comfortable in neighborhoods when food sources are available. By removing attractants and staying aware, community members can help keep wildlife wild.

Follow along with San Diego Humane Society on social media this week for tips, fun facts and more. To learn more about coexisting with wildlife and to download resources, visit sdhumane.org/coexist.

And, join San Diego Humane Society and a coalition of farmers, ranchers, conservationists and animal welfare organizations in requesting FY 2026-27 state funding for a durable Wildlife Coexistence Program within the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Senator Catherine Blakespeare’s SB1135 will codify this program within CDFW to provide a proactive, science-based response to human-wildlife interactions, such as those involving coyotes. By deploying these humane management strategies, California can lead the nation in keeping communities and animals safe.

[Photos/B-roll of coyote rehabilitation by San Diego Humane Society for media use here:](https://spaces.hightail.com/space/ZJLMF2DX8C)

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San Diego Humane Society’s scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona and San Diego. For more information, please visit sdhumane.org.