

COYOTE MANAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2023



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BACKGROUND

June 21, 2022

- Request to agendize discussion and report.

July 5, 2022

- Preliminary report on coyote activity provided.
- City Council investigate and inventory the coyote population and to provide a report with findings.

September 5, 2022

- Received the report from Humane Wildlife Control.
- Directed staff to return with a draft coyote management policy and following a six month period, return to the City Council with updated data. Additionally, research allowable options for residents to protect themselves from coyotes if one is located on their property.



ANNUAL OBSERVATION DATA

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Attacks on humans:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Confirmed / observed predation:	0	3	0	0	0	0	1 (cat)	0
Unconfirmed / possible* predation:	0	18	2 (cats)	0	0	1 (cat)	4 (3 cat and 1 opossum)	6 (5 cat and 1 opossum)
Reported sightings (no attacks, only roaming area) to Animal Control:	3	49	28	13	4	8	23	10
TOTAL	3	70	30	13	4	9	28	16

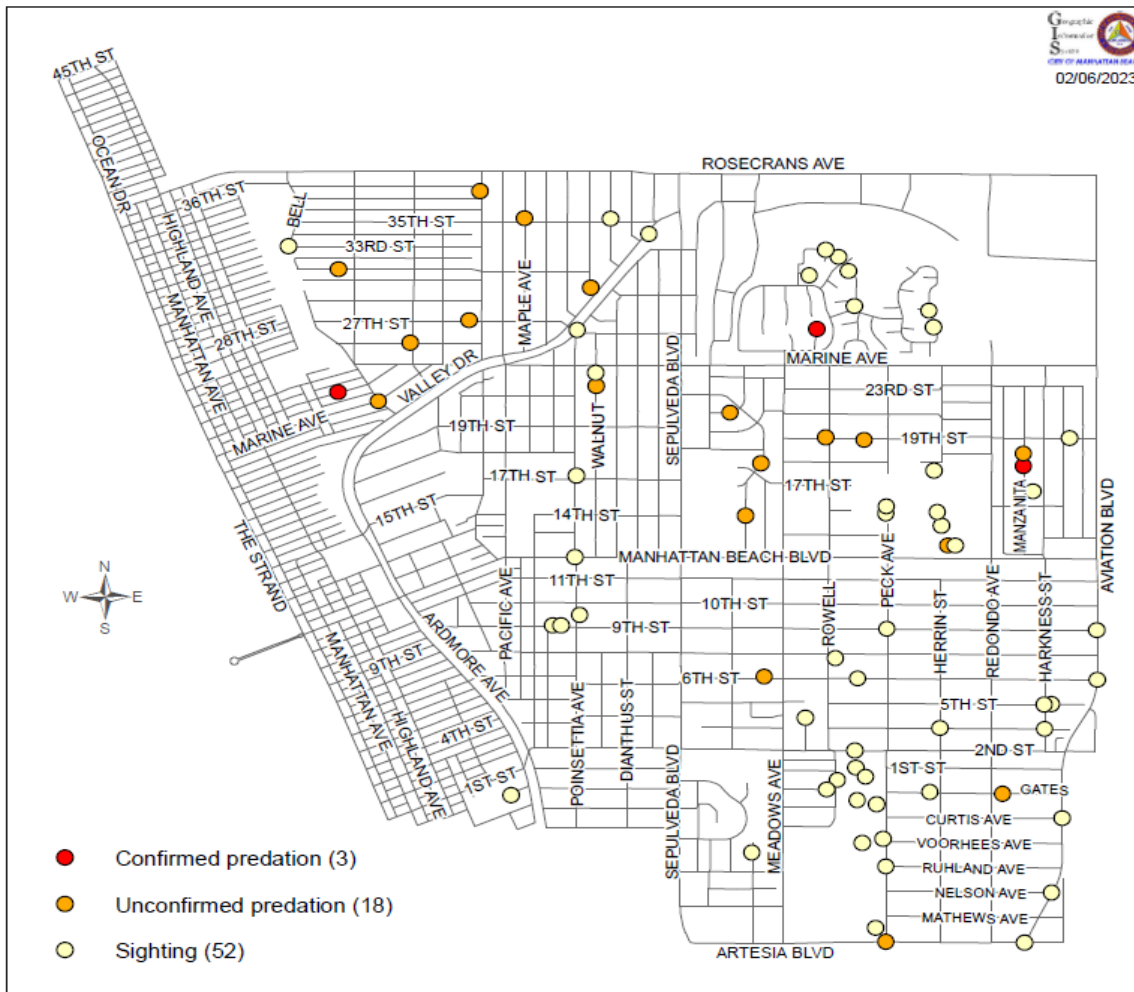


MONTHLY OBSERVATION DATA FOR 2022

	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23
Attacks on humans:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Confirmed / observed predation:	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Unconfirmed / possible* predation:	4	1	3	2	2	1	0
Reported sightings (no attacks, only roaming area) to Animal Control:	9	6	2	12	7	4	3
TOTAL	13	8	5	15	9	5	3



MAPPING OBSERVATIONS



Time Period

February 2022 – January 2023



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CASE SPECIFIC OUTREACH/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- Manhattan Village Senior Villas Outreach
- Overgrown Vegetation Code Enforcement Case



COMMUNITY AND STAFF EDUCATION

- Distributed 1,400 handouts
- Updated City Website
- Held internal staff training with 33 animal control officers from South Bay
- Promoted Reach MB App and coyote sighting reporting ability.



KEEP ME WILD

Coyotes are smart adaptable canines that have learned to survive, and often thrive in urban and residential areas. Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans.

USE WILDLIFE-RESISTANT CONTAINERS



- Always keep trash, recycling, and compost in secure bins.
- Wait to put out trash until the morning of collection.
- Clean garbage and recycling bins with bleach or ammonia.
- Remove unsecured trash, human or pet food, and strongly scented items from yard.

SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE METHODS TO KEEP THEM OUT



- Keep doors and windows closed and locked when unoccupied.
- Bring pets inside at night. Keep livestock in secure pens at night.

SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE METHODS TO KEEP THEM AWAY



- Install motion-activated lights, noise or alarms.
- Install electric fencing to keep coyotes out of chicken coops and animal enclosures.

USE "WILDLIFE-SMART" LANDSCAPING



- Remove bird feeders from yard.
- Plant native flowers to attract birds instead.
- Pick ripe fruit off trees, and promptly collect fruit that falls.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.

NEVER FEED A COYOTE!

FEEDING A COYOTE WILL CAUSE IT TO LOSE ITS NATURAL FEAR OF PEOPLE AND MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR PEOPLE, PETS, AND COYOTES.

Please visit www.manhattanbeach.gov/coyotes for more information.



MITIGATION EFFORTS OF THE CITY

- In response to recommendations made by Human Wildlife Control in their report which identified overflowing trash receptacles that could attract coyotes, the Public Works Department reinstalled lids on trash cans in public areas that were removed during COVID to mitigate excess trash from takeout containers.



COYOTE MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE PLAN

STRATEGY

1. ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY - Provide a safe environment for the public by limiting interactions with aggressive coyotes.
2. ENHANCED COYOTE DETERRENCE EFFORTS - The goal of education is to decrease coyote attractants, increase pet safety, and reshape coyote behavior. Hazing methods, Wildlife Watch, and housekeeping can alter coyote behavior.
3. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION - Education and coyote deterrents designed around co-existence. Communication with the community. Receiving and giving feedback among the community is essential for implementing the Coyote Management Plan.
4. ACTIVE MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION - Tracking coyote observations that include: confirmed coyote predations, unconfirmed coyote predations and coyote sightings



COYOTE MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE PLAN

RESPONSE CHART

COYOTE ACTION		RESPONSE/ACTION BY CITY	EDUCATION PET SAFETY INFORMATION ENFORCEMENT
Heard	GREEN	Hazing	Education Data plotted and available on www.manhattanbeach.gov/coyote
Seen moving or resting in area with no people present		Report to City	
Seen resting in area with people present	YELLOW	Hazing	Pet safety information Neighborhood Watch Wildlife Watch engaged
Entering a yard with or without pets		Report to City Pet safety information Yard audit	
Entering yard and injuring or killing pet w/o people present	ORANGE	Hazing	Community Outreach
Biting or injuring pet or pet on leash longer than 6'		Report to City Yard audit Eliminate attractants Gather information on specific animals involved	
Following or approaching person with or without pet (Stalking)	RED	Hazing Report to City Pet safety information Yard audit Eliminate attractants Gather information on specific animals involved Lethal removal considered	City may contact CDFW to determine removal.
Entering yard or home with people & pets			
Biting or injuring attended pet or pet on leash 6' or less			
Aggressive, showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping w/o contact			
Biting or injuring person		Gather information on specific animal involved CALL 9-1-1	City will contact CDFW and respond in accordance with applicable laws.



POLICY OPTIONS

1. **Status Quo** - Continue to conduct community outreach and case specific actions to mitigate coyote interactions and reduce attractants (i.e. trash and brush). Should a coyote attack occur on a human, the City will contact California Department and Fish and Wildlife to consider removing the aggressive coyote.
2. **Adjust the City's trapping approach to include:**
 1. Selective Trapping Program (Cost: Approx. \$300 Per Day)
 2. Seasonal Trapping Program (Cost: Approx. \$30,000 annually)
 3. Yearlong Trapping Program (Cost: Approx. \$40,000 annually)



CONSIDERATIONS & REGULATIONS

If trapping program preferred, staff would return to the City Council with:

- Revised Coyote Management and Response Plan
- CEQA Analysis
- Trapping Contract
- Budget Appropriation (\$30K-\$50K for CEQA and additional \$5K-\$40K for trapping services)
- Regulations
 - Government Code § 465.5 (g)(1). Immediate Dispatch or Release.
 - Government Code §465.5 (g)(2). Trap Visitation Requirement.
 - Government Code §465.5 (g)(3). Trap Placement Requirement.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide direction regarding the City's current coyote management approach. Amongst the options available for City Council consideration are:

1. Direct staff to maintain the status quo option detailed below and adopt the Coyote Management and Response Plan as presented; or
2. Direct staff to adjust the City's approach to coyote management including further exploration of a trapping program and return to the City Council with a revised Coyote Management and Response Plan with further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis conducted.

