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The City of Centennial wants to remind all citizens that coyotes are in the area. Centennial has received calls and reports of sightings within the City and citizens need to be aware of their presence.

The City of Centennial is working with WildEarth Guardians and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), to provide information about how to coexist with coyotes.

We are asking for your assistance to distribute information to neighborhoods and greenbelt areas identified as coyote “hot spots”. In addition to providing educational materials, whistles will be given for a possible hazing tool.

WildEarth Guardians protects and restores wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West (<http://www.wildearthguardians.org/>). HSUS is one of the most established humane organizations in the U.S. and has an office in Colorado (<http://www.hsus.org/>).

If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at [cbott@centennialcolorado.com](mailto:cbott@centennialcolorado.com). You will receive an email from the WildEarth Guardians to confirm your participation as a volunteer. The time commitment is flexible.

Coyotes are adaptable predators and are common in urban areas. They are tolerant of human activities, and adapt and adjust rapidly to changes in their environment. During the summer months the adult coyotes teach their young how to survive, where to hunt, and more importantly what to hunt. This time is crucial to remove all food sources from your yard, place deterrents, and haze (re-instill the natural fear of humans into the coyotes).

Coyotes are watching and learning from us; we influence their behavior, and it will be our actions that determine what the young coyotes learn. We want the new generation of coyotes to be naturally afraid of humans and not find our neighborhoods or back yards to be a safe place to live.

If you haven't already done so, please talk to your children and neighbors about wildlife. Remind them not to approach or feed any wildlife and teach them what to do if wildlife approaches them:

- Stop, do not run.
- Face the animal and try to look big (put arms over your head).
- In a firm voice, tell the animal “Go Away!”
- Slowly back out of the area and go tell an adult.

For more information about how to coexist with coyotes and other wildlife visit [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com).