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To: VOG Owners – Coyote Sightings in VOG

Both species of wild life have been around our community and Deer Creek for a long time using a variety of lairs including underneath wooden decks, wooded areas on the golf course, etc. There is no guarantee where they are living / reproducing unless the lairs can be specifically identified and respective owners schedule what is normally an expensive / humane removal / relocation service.

Additionally, we do have a number of both species in our area as well. Here is what to do if you see them or they become a pest to your home / yard with supporting links including removal choices;

Coyotes

Coyotes are in Florida, including Broward County. They rarely come in contact with people. However, they may prey upon unattended pets or livestock. **Keep small dogs on a short leash and supervise them while outside, especially at night. Cats should be kept indoors.** Keep in mind that a screened porch is not secure from coyotes and other wildlife. Use electric fencing to protect small livestock such as chickens and goats.

Coyotes eat a wide variety of foods, including fruit, insects, rodents, garbage and pet food. To discourage coyotes from lingering near your home, secure your trash, remove fallen fruit and feed pets indoors. If you see a coyote, you can scare it away by waving your arms in the air and yelling loudly. Noisemakers, like air horns and whistles, also work well.

<https://www.broward.org/Animal/Resources/Pages/NuisanceWildlife.aspx>

Coyotes help maintain balanced ecosystems by controlling the populations of rodents and smaller predators, such as foxes, opossums and raccoons, which naturally occur in higher densities and can quickly overpopulate areas of habitat. Coyotes are native to North America, have been in Florida for many years, and will continue to make their homes around the state.

Coyotes in Florida: Here to Stay

Removing coyotes for the purpose of eradication is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. New coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. Removal activities such as hunting and trapping place pressure on coyote populations, and the species responds by reproducing at a younger age and producing more pups per litter; populations can quickly return to their original size.

<https://myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/wildlife/coyotes/?redirect=coyote>

Nuisance animal removal / relocation resources...

https://animalrangers.com/broward_county/coyote_removal.html

One further item, if owners send issues to the VOG website using the contact us tab, you will get the fastest results to your questions / concerns.

President VOG

On Behalf of the VOG BOD