

October 24, 2019

Dear Indian Rocks Beach Neighbor,

This flyer is to inform you of the presence of coyotes in IRB and request increased awareness to keep our neighborhoods and pets safe. Coyotes are very common throughout the US (even in urban settings) and tend to be fearful of humans, but they are opportunistic and adaptable. Education along with small changes in our daily routines can have a very positive impact.

What you should know:

- Coyotes are present in our neighborhood, Pinellas County, and the state of Florida
- Coyotes are omnivores, eating almost anything including cats and small dogs
- Pinellas County Animal Services does not trap or remove coyotes

What you can do:

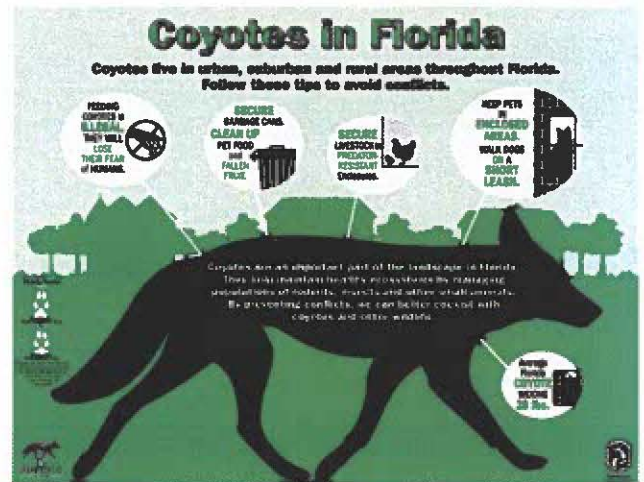
- Avoid feeding all wild animals or leaving food outside for domestic animals
- Secure lids on garbage cans and put garbage out the morning of pick up
- Keep pets indoors, especially at night
- Educate yourself and raise awareness in the neighborhood by sharing this information
- Come and show your support for the community at local events

Local events:

- **10/6, 3pm (Calvary Episcopal Church) *Blessing of the Pets and Wildlife Awareness***
 - Bring your pet to receive a blessing and photo of your special occasion. Even if you cannot bring your pet, you may bring something sentimental to receive a blessing. In addition, the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) and other organizations will attend to provide additional education or information about services. There is no cost; donations welcome. Snacks available. Contact admin@calvaryirb.org.
- **11/12, 5:30pm (City Auditorium) *FWC Coyote presentation and discussion***
 - The City of IRB will host the FWC for an educational presentation about coyotes in Florida. This session allows residents to come together to learn facts about these animals and will be held on November 12, 2019 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the City of Indian Rocks Beach Auditorium, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach.

If you are interested in how you can put this poster in your yard to help raise awareness, please email CoyoteIRB@gmail.com

Together, we can make a difference,
mfg, Fellow IRB Neighbor



Websites:

- <https://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/coyotes/>
- <https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-choose/wildlife/coyotes/>
- <https://urbancoyoteinitiative.com/10-ways-to-help-your-neighbors-be-coyote-aware/>

