



City of La Verne

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La Verne and IVHS Remind Residents to Be Cautious of Local Wildlife

LA VERNE, CA – With La Verne’s close proximity to the foothills, it’s common to experience occasional encounters with local wildlife such as rabbits, deer, bears and coyotes. La Verne and the [Inland Valley Humane Society \(IVHS\)](#) remind residents that with proper planning, coexisting safely is possible.

“The City understands that wildlife encounters can often be alarming, and we continue to work with our regional partners to mitigate community concerns,” said Community Services Manager Yvonne Duran. “To safely coexist with the animals that pass through our neighborhoods, it’s important for residents to know precautions they can take to protect themselves and their property.”

In addition to La Verne’s ongoing partnership with IVHS, the City created the [Coyote Management Plan](#) to provide information regarding coyote attractants, behavior, enforcement, safety response and reporting. The plan derived from a framework identified and adopted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles County, IVHS and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for municipalities in the San Gabriel Valley to coordinate coyote management efforts. The Coyote Management Plan also includes a yard audit checklist so residents can easily identify attractants and eliminate those items from their properties.

“It is not uncommon to experience an increase in wildlife sightings around the City during this time of year,” said IVHS Humane & Animal Control Manager Favi Leon. “As it gets warmer, animals such as bears and coyotes search for water sources. Residents should take the necessary steps to deter wildlife and contact IVHS or La Verne Police Department if you see an encounter.”

Below are some additional precautions residents can take to minimize dangerous wildlife encounters:

- Never leave pets or children unattended outdoors.
- Do not leave food out or attempt to feed wildlife.
- Do not put trash containers out until the day of service and be sure to strap down the lid.
- If you see an animal, contact IVHS or La Verne Police Department (for emergencies, dial 9-1-1). Residents can also [report the encounter through the City’s website](#). A list of coyote encounters in the past 30 days and report sightings is also available on the [City’s website](#).
- Review California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s [Keep Me Wild](#) page to see more tips on living with other wildlife like bears, deer and racoons.



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La Verne residents can also grab a coyote whistle from the Community Services Department at City Hall to take with them while walking outdoors. The City offers one whistle per family while supplies last.

For more information on how to safely coexist with wildlife, visit the [IVHS website](#) or the [City's website](#).

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