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Subject: Message from the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

Hello, all,

Being back at Foothill has been an incredible experience because you are all so welcoming and eager to return to the business at hand, working with our students. However, one thing that is new for me, is the presence of coyotes, no doubt because the campus was people-less for some time and also they are attracted to garbage bins, looking for food. Reminds me of videos of Yosemite where the wildlife were also coming down to the Valley floor to roam. Here is the advice from the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley and two of our faculty members, Lisa Eshman (Animal Health Tech) and Gillian Schulz (Biology):

The best thing you can do for a coyote wandering around is to scare it off, teach it to be wary and afraid of humans. Here is a link to some techniques you can use: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coyote-hazing> There are some great resources there for how to haze/deter coyotes on the page, and the PDFs at the bottom of the page.

The main takeaway is that coyotes are reclusive animals - if they are coming onto campus, they're likely attracted to food left out (trash bins and whatnot) or prey that's attracted to the food (yay squirrels and songbirds). Let students and faculty know not to feed ANY wildlife, and keep trash in secure bins that small animals can't access.

They also likely just feel safe coming onto campus. You mentioned that you're not operating at full capacity, so the lack of humans could also play a role in attracting coyotes - the less "predators" (people) there are, the safer they feel wandering into the school.

With a couple of concentrated hazing efforts, you should be able to deter the bold coyote family.

Whatever you do, don't mistake it for a dog!!!

Best regards,

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