



Bixby Village Coyote

Recently, several sightings of a new coyote have been reported near Pittsfield, Lexington and Kakkis. This is not to be confused with the coyote sited in Bixby Village last year and removed by animal control authorities after it was found dead behind the bluff of Stoneham Court.

Several calls have been made to Ms. Nancy Cotton of the Long Beach Animal Control who has advised me, other than recording the time and date of the sighting, there is little that can be done to capture the animal. Ms. Cotton did refer me to the Department of Fish and Game which is the entity responsible for capture of the animal. Unfortunately, the department was unavailable for comment.

Wild animals are protected under California Code of Regulation; Title 14; stating wild animals such as coyotes cannot be fed, trapped, baited, poisoned or harmed in any way. It is the responsibility of Department of Fish and Game to capture and relocate the animal. Animal Control can only record the sighting. If you want more information about coyotes you can logon to, www.dfg.ca.gov . To report a sighting of the infamous Bixby Village Coyote, the number for Animal Control is (562) 570-7722.

Make no mistake; while this animal appears tame and cute, it is a wild animal and is protected under the law of the Department of Fish and Game.. The only way we as a community can “naturally” rid ourselves of the coyote is not to leave food outside for any reason. Also, it is encouraged not to allow your animals, especially cats, to roam free within the community, at any hour. This animal has been seen at all hours, openly moving around. Once the food source is removed from the area the coyote will hopefully move on somewhere else. If you do sight the coyote, contact Ms. Nancy Cotton of Long Beach Animal Control with the time and date of the sighting. Above all, be vigilant and aware of your surroundings when walking in the community. It is unlikely the coyote will attack, but it is better to be safe than sorry.