

As some of our community have already noticed, it appears that the USF Lone Mountain Campus is now home to two coyotes. We have had no reports of aggressive behavior by these animals.

Coyotes are shy animals and not known to be aggressive, but they will exhibit assertive behavior when threatened or protecting pups. During pup-rearing season it is not unusual for the animals to try and frighten humans with dogs who venture too close to their den. People should not be alarmed about the coyotes, but they should be aware of the animals, avoid the areas where there is known activity, and read and follow instructions on signs placed in active coyote areas. We will be working with San Francisco Animal Care and Control to place these signs on the perimeter of Lone Mountain.

San Francisco Animal Care and Control (SFACC) receives many inquiries about options for removing the coyotes. Relocation is illegal under CA State law. It is also inhumane. Lethal removal is ineffective and unethical since another coyote will simply take its place, often within weeks. ACC and coyote experts feel that the local coyotes are here to stay and their hope is that the community learns to peacefully coexist with them. Melissa Peabody has made a beautiful film, "[San Francisco, Still Wild at Heart](#) (External Link)," which is a virtual case study of the arrival of coyotes in our urban communities.

If you see a coyote acting aggressively or exhibiting strange behavior on campus, or if it appears in distress or is injured, please call the USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201 and we will investigate and call Animal Care & Control if there is a need. Additional information can be found on our [Public Safety website](#). SFACC (415) 554-9400 is keeping a log of coyote sightings in San Francisco. To report a sighting, please e-mail the date, time, location and any other details of the sighting to: [ACC@sfgov.org](mailto:ACC@sfgov.org) or complete this form: [Coyote Encounter Observation Report](#) (PDF).

For more information about coyotes please access the SF Animal Care and Control link: <http://www.sfanimalcare.org/living-with-urban-wildlife/coyote-sightings/>