

**Reported Coyote Incidents and Attacks in Colorado Since 2000
in which Aggression Towards Humans was Displayed**
(Recognizing that not all attacks are reported to the CDOW)

- 1) **December 2009**- At 3am an Englewood woman was in her yard with her two small dogs when two coyotes entered the yard. One coyote attacked and carried away one of the dogs. The remaining coyote growled at the woman from 5 feet away. It would not leave when she screamed and threw snowballs at it. She ran inside her residence. Her husband retrieved their injured dog from the other coyote (down the street from the house), and the coyote growled at the husband and did not leave immediately. One coyote was killed and disease testing returned negative.
- 2) **November 2009**- A 63 year old man was **bitten** by a coyote as he rode his bike near a busy highway interchange in Douglas County. The coyote lunged and jumped at him, biting him just above the knee and leaving two puncture wounds. Tracks in the area indicated there were three coyotes living in this area; two coyotes were subsequently killed and disease screening was negative.
- 3) **October 2009**- A woman in southeast Aurora woman was **bitten** by a coyote as she walked her leashed 25 pound terrier-poodle mix into the cul-de-sac in front of her home. The woman used her dog's leash to "reel in" the dog from approximately six feet away. While intervening in the coyote attack on her dog, she was bitten in the hands and arms by the coyote. As she ran back to her home carrying her dog, the coyote followed her, lunging and biting at the dog. The coyote was subsequently euthanized and tested negative for rabies and distemper.
- 4) **June 2009** – An Aurora man reported coyote in his yard that bared its teeth at him.
- 5) **May 2009** – A Thornton woman was approached and bitten on the leg by a coyote while jogging at the Eastlake Shores Park.
- 6) **February 2009**- A man riding his bicycle near Bear Creek Lake Park reported that a coyote standing near the trail followed him, and he had to kick it to get it to stop chasing him.
- 7) **February 2009**- A Denver woman was **bitten** when three coyotes in southeast Denver attacked her unleashed Labrador retriever. She was bitten when she intervened to stop the attack on her dog and suffered minor scratches on her hand.
- 8) **February 2009** – A Broomfield man in the Trails Park area with his dogs was approached by two coyotes—one was chased by one of his dogs and the other lunged at him and bit his arm. He fought off the coyote and sustained minor scratches and a puncture wound.
- 9) **February 2009**- A Greenwood Village boy reported that he observed a coyote eating a rodent near a park. The boy reported that when the coyote saw him it dropped the rodent and ran towards him. He crouched down and stated that the coyote lunged at his throat. He raised his arm and deflected the coyote with his elbow. The boy's parents would not make him available to DOW officers for an interview- this information reported in the media.
- 10) **January 2009**- A Broomfield woman was **bitten** on the arm by a coyote while she was throwing a Frisbee for her dog.
- 11) **December 2008**- An Erie boy snowboarding on a golf course near his home was approached and **bitten** on the arm by a coyote. (note: the Erie and Broomfield incidents are very near each other, and DOW suspects the coyotes in these neighborhoods had been fed in past years)
- 12) **July 2008**- A Lakewood man reported a coyote following him as he jogged around a track at a high school.
- 13) **June 2008**- A Lakewood family reported coyotes denning in the hillside behind their home. The mother reported that a coyote came within feet of her toddler while he played in the back yard. The coyote was reportedly "crouched down" and upon further investigation it was undetermined whether the coyote was simply low to the ground as it climbed up the steep hillside.
- 14) **June 2008**- a family group of coyotes generated many complaints in Lakewood as they took up residence under the porch of an elderly woman and proceeded to attack and kill neighborhood dogs and cats, and approach visitors to a nearby park.
- 15) **February 2008**- Coyote fed by Copper Mountain employees **nipped** at children snowboarding

- 16) **December 2007**- Erie woman **bitten** by coyote while defending her dog
- 17) **June 2007**- Rabid coyote **bit** an elderly woman sitting on her porch in Holly (southeastern CO)
- 18) **Spring 2005**-a coyote attacked a terrier in a park in Lakewood while it was being walked on an extendable leash behind its owner. The woman freed the terrier from the jaws of the coyote and **sustained minor wounds** on her finger and chin. A pair of coyotes was known to have a den in that area. The victim also stated that on prior walks she had seen food scraps along the trail where people were likely leaving food out for the coyotes.
- 19) **Fall 2003**-A coyote in Highlands Ranch **bit** a woman on the calf as she was getting out of her vehicle in a parking lot of a fast food restaurant. This coyote was being fed out the drive-through window of that fast food restaurant.
- 20) **Fall 2003**-a 5-year old boy in Colorado Springs was **bitten** when he approached a coyote he thought was a dog. Local residents had been feeding this coyote.
- 21) **Summer 2003**-A woman was **scratched and bitten** in Douglas County once she picked up an injured coyote along E-470. Once the animal “came-to” in the vehicle it scratched and bit her.
- 22) **2000**-a woman on a ski slope in Durango was **bitten** in the back when she fell going down on a ski slope. Visitors had been feeding this coyote in the parking lot prior to this incident.