

Coyotes

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Common Core State Standards

RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text.

RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; Recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CHARACTERISTICS

Like Dogs, Coyotes have...

- Four legs
- Grey fur
- Large pointed ears
- Pointed nose
- A tail

What size are they?

They are in the dog family, so they are about the same size as a wolf, only a little smaller. They are larger than a normal dog.

How much do they weigh?

Coyotes weigh from 20-50 pounds. The males usually weigh more than females.

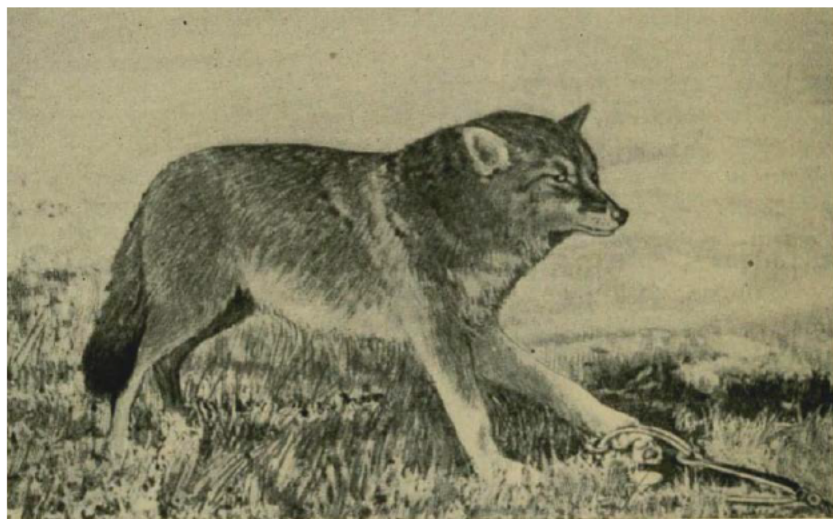
How tall are Coyotes?

Coyotes are 25 inches tall, which is about 2 feet. They are usually 2-3 feet long and their tail is about 1 foot long.



Can you describe this Coyote?

What does it look like?



HABITAT

Coyotes live here, in the United States.



Coyotes live in rural and urban **habitats**. They live in open fields, mountains, and deserts. Sometimes, they can be spotted in the middle of a big city!

Coyote Families

Mated, or connected together, coyotes live together in their dens raising their pups, or a young dogs, for years or even life!

Coyotes often make new dens every year, but sometimes they keep them for longer. The females care for the pups most often.

The time a female is only pregnant with the pup is only 63 days! Usually the females have **litters** of 4 pups at a time.

Coyote's Den

A coyote finds or digs a hole to use as a **den**. They protect this area and their young and will kill anything that threatens their den or their pups. They are very **territorial**.



What do you think it would be like to live in a small hole like this?

FOOD

What do Coyotes eat?

Coyotes will eat almost anything. They are **scavengers** and hunters. They hunt animals such as rabbits or rodents but will eat just about anything that is dead.

They will also eat garbage, pet food or even crops!

Most of their hunting happens during the night, but a very hungry coyote will scavenge during the day!



What Live Animals Do Coyotes Eat?

	Yes	No
Rabbits	X	
Rodents	X	
Fish	X	
Fawn	X	
Bear		X
Elk		X
Lambs	X	
Wolves		X
Frogs	X	

Glossary

Crops: A plant that is grown as food, like grain or fruit.

Den: The place a wild animals lives.

Habitats: The natural home or environment in which an animal lives.

Litters: The group of young animals born to an animal at one time.

Territorial: ownership of land or area.

Scavengers: an animal that feeds on dead matter.

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