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## COYOTE ALERT

By: Jim Dahlman

We had a Coyote (Coydog) in our back yard (Royal Drive) this morning - Oct. 3rd. in broad daylight. He was prowling and on the hunt and likewise was a very menacing looking animal.

Coyote's will cross breed with crossbred "mutt" dogs and that is what this animal was. I would guess he weighs about 40-50 lbs or slightly larger than a purebred coyote. This animal had just very slight similarities to a German Shepard - lots of mottled and varied shades of gray.

We lost one of our kitties just about 2 months ago to what I am now guessing is this animal. I understand a Yorkie was taken just a couple of weeks ago over in the Estates.

Any domestic or house raised dog of this animals weight or less would struggle to survive an attack and a cat would not survive an attack from this animal.

Keep an eye on your pets.

Jim D.