***PICTURE WALK***

**COYOTES**

*Canis latrans*

Comments for Educators:

* Once students have looked at each picture and written down their observations, use this resource as a guide if students need help, or to share things they may not come up with during their observations. This list is only a sample of what might be observed. It is open to the interpretation of the viewer.
* The goal of the activity is to activate students’ knowledge about coyotes and to have students think of them in a myriad of ways; urban coyotes in cities; coyotes as family-oriented; coyotes as solitary; coyotes as social animals; coyotes in different habitats, etc.
* Below are some considerations for each picture (in order as they appear in the PowerPoint presentation slides 1-8):

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| **Picture 1:**   * confident * wary * alert * healthy * comfortable in its surroundings * beautiful fur (pelage) * looks like a shepherd * grassland habitat | **Picture 2:**   * playful pups * domination; submission * chaparral habitat (desert-like) * comfortable in the surrounding * family-oriented * harsh landscape * how do they get water? * cute * look like shepherd pups | **Picture 3:**   * mystical animal * comfortable in its surrounding * confident * looks like it belongs wherever it is * healthy * on-the-move | **Picture 4:**   * alert * desert / grassland habitat * confident * wary * always watching * healthy * comfortable in its surrounding * beautiful pelage |
| **Picture 5:**   * alert * wary * cautious * snowy habitat * possibly urban area (building in background) * adaptable * resilient | **Picture 6:**   * urban wetlands habitat * comfortable in surroundings * confident * aware – ears up * beautiful pelage * healthy * juveniles to adults (large) * family group perhaps | **Picture 7:**   * urban neighborhood * ears forward – looks wary * thin – possibly mange? * what does it eat? * where does it go? * doesn’t look as comfortable * doesn’t look as confident | **Picture 8:**   * urban park habitat * looks very wary * proceeding cautiously * always watching * healthy * beautiful fur (pelage) |