***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
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| **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)
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